

University of California Human Rights Fellowship Human Rights Center, U.C. Berkeley

The Human Rights Center, U.C. Berkeley is pleased to announce the annual competition for student fellowships with human rights organizations. Fellows will receive \$3,500 each. The fellowship is available to students from several U.C. campuses. Registered students at U.C. Berkeley, Hastings College of the Law, U.C. Santa Cruz, U.C. Irvine and U.C. San Diego are eligible. Two fellowships in Documentary are available for registered students at U.C. Santa Cruz.

These awards will enable students to carry out clearly defined fieldwork, domestically or internationally, with human rights organizations related to a student's area of study. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide students with an opportunity to contribute to the work of human rights organizations while also gaining practical experience that may influence the students' areas of research or academic focus. The fellowship program welcomes multi-disciplinary approaches to human rights fieldwork. Students are encouraged to publish the results of their fieldwork. Preference will be given to graduate students and returning students. Prior recipients of Human Rights Center fellowships are not eligible.

The Fellowships

The human rights fellowships are student-initiated, i.e., students must identify the governmental or non-governmental organizations with whom they will work, the human rights issue to be addressed, and the parameters, objectives, goals and expected outcomes of their proposed fieldwork.

The fellowship includes:

- an orientation to prepare fellows for their summer fieldwork (early May)
- a stipend to support their fieldwork
- an informal get together upon the fellows' return from the field (late September)
- a formal conference held during the fall semester (early November)
- a formal report due at the end of the year

All events will take place at U.C. Berkeley. Travel stipends will be available for fellows traveling from other campuses. Please speak with your campus fellowship coordinator (see list below).

The Application Procedure

A complete application includes:

- 1) A completed application cover sheet
- 2) A *curriculum vitae*/resume, indicating all experience (academic studies, fieldwork, volunteer/paid work) relevant to the fellowship
- 3) Statement of Purpose (2–5 pages maximum, doubled-spaced, 12-point font), describing your interest in the award. This section of the application should address the following questions:
 - What human rights issue will be addressed?
 - Why is this a critical issue?
 - How do you propose to address this issue (methodology)?
 - Why are you interested in addressing this issue? Do you have a particular interest/expertise/experience?
 - What are the objectives/goals/expected outcomes of your proposed fieldwork?
 - How will these outcomes be measured or evaluated?
 - How will the fellowship build on your current academic interests?
 - What role will the fellowship play in your long-term career plans?

How will your fieldwork contribute to the sponsoring organization's ongoing mission/goals in the local area?

4) Two letters of recommendation from faculty members who are in a position to affirm the value of the fellowship in the context of your academic work and interests. Letters may be sent under separate cover or via e-mail at the address below.

5) Letter of support from the sponsoring governmental or non-governmental organization detailing the mission/goals of the organization and how your proposed fieldwork will contribute to its ongoing work.

Items 1 – 3 (the completed cover sheet, CV, and personal statements) must be submitted in hard copy. Items 4 and 5 (letters) can be submitted electronically.

This information can also be found online at www.hrcberkeley.org.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information and application submission:

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**UC Berkeley students, please note that items 1 – 3 (completed cover sheet, CV and personal statements) must be submitted in hard copy. Please submit the original and 3 copies of each. Items 4 and 5 (letters) may be submitted electronically.

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**U.C. Santa Cruz students, please see the addendum for additional information required of documentary fellowship applicants. The addendum is attached to fellowship applications available through U.C. Santa Cruz or contact Professor Tajima-Pena for more information.

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Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

If you intend to use the fellowship grant to conduct research that you will include in your thesis or dissertation, you should consider whether approval from the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPSH) is necessary. For more information, please speak with your faculty advisor or visit your campus' CPSH's website.

Deadline for Applications and All Supporting Documents: Friday, February 29, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

Applicants will be notified by the first week in April.