

UI Center for Human Rights



Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Funded Internships Program

Application Packet

Deadline: March 15, 2008

Return Completed Application and Materials on or
before March 15, 2008, 5:00 pm to:

Internship Program

University of Iowa Center for Human Rights

1120 University Capitol Centre

Iowa City, IA 52242

Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Funded Internship Program Application Guidelines and Checklist

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Guidelines:

To be considered, the applicant must:

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at the University of Iowa at the time of application and in the semester immediately following Summer 2007
- Not have previously received funding from the Burns H. Weston & Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Funded Internships Program
- Submit a completed application form (attached)
- Submit a Statement of Purpose (four page max., double spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point font), answering the following questions:
 - 1) What human rights issues will be addressed and why are they important?
 - 2) How do you propose to address these issues in your internship?
 - 3) Why do human rights interest you and what is your previous experience in this area?
 - 4) What is the mission, activities, and goals of your sponsoring organization and what activities will you engage in during your internship?
 - 5) How will the proposed internship experience further the sponsoring organization's mission or goals and how will the proposed internship experience further your personal or professional goals?
- Submit a Letter of Agreement from the sponsoring organization, signed by an authorized representative of the sponsoring organization and yourself, attesting to your participation in the organization's internship program.
- Submit a completed reference form (attached)
- Submit a tentative work plan, including a beginning and end date for the internship
- Submit a one page budget estimate to include:
 - 1) Transportation Costs
 - 2) Housing Costs
 - 3) Food Costs
 - 4) Incidentals/Program Fees
- Submit a 1 page resume including any paid, volunteer, and intern experiences
- Submit complete application materials by 5:00pm on or before March 15, 2008

**Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Internship Program Application
Form To Be Completed By Applicant**

Full Name: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Local Telephone Number: _____

Major or Degree Program: _____

Program Applying For (check one): Undergraduate Graduate/Professional

Name of Sponsoring Organization You Will Be Interning For: _____

Immediate Supervisor for your Internship: _____

Contact Information for Sponsoring Organization:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information I have provided on the application is true and accurate:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Reference Form To Be Completed By Applicant

Please choose two references with direct knowledge of your character, skills, background, and qualifications and complete the following information.

Reference 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known the reference? _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known the reference? _____

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General Overview of The Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights Funded Internship Program

The Kenneth J. Cmiel Funded Rights Internship Program provides funding to selected students who have secured a summer internship with a local, national, or international non-governmental organization or governmental agency engaged in human rights related advocacy, research, or education. Program funds cover travel and living expenses associated with the internship. Current UI undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who will remain enrolled in a degree program at the UI the semester following their internship are eligible to apply.

The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights initiated the Human Rights Summer Internship Program in response to a high student demand for internships and experiential learning that would expand their knowledge of social justice and human rights. Internships in community-based non-profits with social justice and human rights concerns, as well as international non-governmental organizations, and governmental agencies serving the public, provide unique opportunities for skill-building and mentoring and encourage lifelong community engagement.

Unlike summer internships in other fields, students interested in human rights have few paid opportunities to meet their interests and develop their skills. This results in students forgoing opportunities to pursue social justice and human rights related work in order to support themselves through paid work in other fields. The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights Kenneth J. Cmiel Human Rights funded Internship Program allows students to direct their energies and interests into community based organizations to ultimately serve the community as a whole, and develop skills and a network to encourage their pursuit of careers in the non-profit and governmental sector.

The established process requires that students secure an internship in the field of human rights before applying for the funded internship program. The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights is available to provide guidance to students who seek assistance in identifying internship opportunities, but it is ultimately the student's responsibility to secure the internship placement.

Where in the world do interns go? Here's a sampling from 2006:

INDONESIA: Yayuk Mardiaty worked with the Center's "Women's Empowerment in All Aspects of Life" program, which conducts workshops on entrepreneurship and coordinates a micro-enterprise development program for woman-owned business startups in some of the most impoverished rural areas of Indonesia.

CAMBODIA: Tiana Gierke assisted with research, casework and advocacy defending and promoting human rights in Cambodia.

TANZANIA: Mary-Justine Todd worked to promote grassroots initiation of structural changes in relief and development programs for refugees in order to better serve the needs of women residing in refugee camps.

TANZANIA: Lyndsey Wilkinson worked in a clinic providing health care, which include intensive HIV and malnourishment programs as well as working in conjunction with the Coalition and the Women's Dignity Project.

GENEVA: Asmita collected information on child labor research and education worldwide in addition to assisting with long-distance administration of ILO field projects in Kenya and Ghana.

TEXAS: Jacob Wedemeyer worked with TRLA to provide direct legal services to the low-income Spanish-speaking community, including immigration and public benefits.

Not sure what internship opportunity fits your interests? We can help!
Check out the Resource Library at www.uichr.org,
or contact Amy Weismann, Deputy Director of the UI Center for Human Rights,
amy-weismann@uiowa.edu or (319) 335-0483