



Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration

INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Legal Research Assistant Position Opening Summer 2023

Position Description

Department: Social Work, Public Health

Job Title: Legal Research Assistant

Compensation: \$15.00/hr (JD student); \$17.00/hr (PhD student)

Commitment: 30 hours per week for 9 weeks or 35 hours per week for 8 weeks

Position Summary

Washington University's Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks 1-2 law students for a research assistantship during the summer of 2023.

The position is open to current law students at Washington University's School of Law (JD, LL.M, and JSD candidates). The student will provide legal research assistance on various projects focused on issues of international criminal law or refugee protection. Depending on projects assigned, law students may work on interdisciplinary teams with graduate students from the Brown School, Medical School, and other relevant departments.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Desk research: Law students will conduct background research for assigned projects. Assignments may include researching cases arising in foreign judicial systems or at the international tribunals. They may also include research on country conditions, or international and national law and policy frameworks related to refugees, migration. Students will draft relevant memos as appropriate.
2. Development of online customary international law database: Law students will assist in the design and creation of an online depository of cases from international and domestic tribunals, demonstrating the evolution of gender-based crimes under customary international law over the 20th century. The online tool will be co-developed with international criminal lawyers from around the world, with the assistance of website designers and digital archive experts.
3. Support review of Sexual and Gender-based Crimes Policy Paper at the International Criminal Court (ICC) Office of the Prosecutor. Work with Prof. Kim Thuy Seelinger in the review and updating process in collaboration with court colleagues in the Hague.

Minimum Experience / Requirements

- In-progress JD, LLM, or JSD degree
- Excellent legal research and writing skills
- Experience conducting international legal research
- English fluency and excellent communication skills, including ability to summarize legal cases for non-specialist audience
- Interest in human rights, international law, and gender equity
- Exceptional organizational skills with uncompromising attention to detail
- Demonstrated experience with cross-cultural competence and working with partners and teammates from diverse backgrounds
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office required
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate promptly with team lead and seek clarification of assignment whenever needed

Preferred Experience

- Fluency in Spanish or French highly desired
- Web design or Adobe Illustrator highly desired
- Successful completion of at least (1) international law course at WashU
- Experience in case analysis and summary

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter (including name of one Law School faculty reference), resume, unofficial transcript, and academic writing sample (please select no more than a 5-page piece or extract) to: centerforhumanrights@wustl.edu. **Applications due April 24, 2023 at 11:59pm.**