



Human Rights Practitioner-in-Residence Program

Invitation for Applications

The Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute invites applications for its **Human Rights Practitioner-in-Residence** program.

The program is designed for human rights practitioners from non-governmental organizations, government, the United Nations, and other inter-governmental and international bodies who seek an environment in which they can engage in research, writing, and scholarly discussion connected to their human rights practice. The program is intended to promote human rights scholarship grounded in practice, as well as practice informed by scholarship and critique.

Applications are particularly encouraged from the global south, and from those working on issues related to the Human Rights Institute and Human Rights Clinic's projects, including: business and human rights and the global economy; counter-terrorism and armed conflict; the domestic use of human rights norms; human rights fact-finding methods and practice; interdisciplinary methods; and critiques of human rights theory and practice.

Practitioners may be in residence for a flexible period of between one month and one year. While in residence at the Human Rights Institute, Practitioners-in-Residence are expected to work on their own projects. This could include scholarly, advocacy, or policy-oriented papers, human rights reports, or books for publication, or develop workshops and new research agendas, or prepare for conferences or new human rights projects. Some practitioners may wish to also conduct advocacy at the United Nations in New York, or with civil society groups, government officials, and others.

For those interested, mentoring about academic scholarship and human rights work product is available, as are opportunities for presenting and obtaining feedback from academics and human rights advocates on draft work.

Interested practitioners will also have the opportunity to participate in the broader intellectual life of the law school, and may deliver guest lectures at the law school. The practitioner may also participate in the mentoring of Columbia Law School students, advise on ongoing projects of the Human Rights Institute and Clinic, and design workshops or other events with experts from the field.

Practitioners-in-Residence will be provided access to Columbia University libraries, student research assistants, invitations to law school and university events and workshops, administrative support for event design and planning, and the opportunity to be integrated into the Human Rights Institute.

The Practitioners-in-Residence program does not provide a salary or cover travel or living expenses. Each year, however, one or more applicants from the global south are selected to receive a “**Global Advocate Award**” to offset expenses associated with travel to New York and expenses during the residency in New York.

To apply, practitioners should send: (a) their CV; (b) a one-page letter of interest; (c) a project or research proposal of no more than five pages, setting out the applicant’s proposed work plan for their residence at the Human Rights Institute; and (d) two references. Please send all applications with the subject line “Application for Practitioner-in-Residence Program” to hri@law.columbia.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with practitioners ideally selected at least three months in advance of their residency.