Global Labor Standards: Graduate Student Internship Travel Award of $5500

Call for Applications: Deadline January 22, 2018 (midnight)

Funding available to: U-M Graduate students.

This internship award provides financial and logistical support of $5500 to internships focused broadly on addressing, evaluating or improving global labor standards and monitoring. The University of Michigan President’s Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights (PACLSHR) helps support internships that contribute to the University’s effort to improve international labor standards.

Students are responsible for sourcing their own projects, but some connections to organizations and help can be provided. Past examples of projects include students working with local human services and legal services organizations, the UNDP, ILO, UNICEF, World Bank, government agencies and private human rights organizations with a wide variety of concerns (e.g. women’s justice issues, juvenile law, labor disputes, land rights, health care, economic development, land management, etc.).

Internship length should be at least 10 weeks with flexible start and end dates. The award will cover the costs of airfare, housing, visa fees, immunizations, international health insurance and a living stipend that is intended to cover meals, ground transportation, and incidentals. This internship does not pay a salary. Awards will be deposited to the student’s account.

Applications will be reviewed by a faculty subcommittee of the University of Michigan President’s Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights (PACLSHR). Applications will be reviewed for quality and feasibility of proposed projects with a clear labor standards focus. Students graduating in April 2018 are not eligible.

Application process: Applicants are to submit materials by email to PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu. Enter “PACLSHR Internship” as the subject line and do not include any additional text in the e-mail.

1. An up-to-date CV/resume
2. A brief (less than 2 page) statement in PDF format explaining your proposed internship
3. One faculty letter of recommendation sent by the faculty to PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu
4. Current transcripts. Wolverine Access copies are acceptable for this purpose.

Interviews of applicants may be scheduled. Depending on the number of applicants, students may be requested to submit additional documents during the review period.

Applicants are invited to apply for co-support from other funding sources but must disclose additional support received to committee staff within 2 weeks and receive verification that the co-funding amount is permitted. Awardees are required to register their travels in the U-M Travel Registry and sign up for the HTH Health insurance. The PACLSHR committee may request a brief oral or written report at the completion of the experience.

Applicants are encouraged to email questions not answered in this announcement to: PACLSHRApplications@umich.edu.