HRIP Job Postings

United Nations Office for REDD+ Coordination in Indonesia

UNORCID is currently looking for highly qualified and motivated young professionals, postgraduate students and recent graduates for its internship program. To apply for this program, go to http://www.unorcid.org/index.php/about-unorcid/internship-program. For any questions, contact Chris Burke at chrispatburke@gmail.com. Do not forget to mention that you are HRIP.

Center for Economic Rights

We receive job postings from organizations that specifically want HRIP students. Attached is a posting from the Center for Economic and Social Rights primarily for 2Ls, but open to 1Ls as well. To apply you should follow the instructions and send your application to: internship@cesr.org

Legal Resources Centre

For those of you interested in the Legal Resources Center who came to talk on Tuesday about their work, please send me an email with your name, your HRIP status, resume and cover letter and office preference location. I will send it on to the appropriate contact at LRC.

We will also post this information on the website next week. If you have any questions, contact Kiran Singh.

Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research (PODER-Mexico City)

PODER is a one-of-a-kind NGO working to improve corporate transparency and accountability in Latin America, and we are currently recruiting interns to join our team as strategic researchers, computer programmers, or graphic designers for 10-12 weeks this summer as well as throughout the academic year. Interns will receive hands-on training from experienced corporate researchers and/or systems professionals to work on ongoing projects, including environmental and human rights campaigns in the alternative energy sector, worker rights initiatives in the extractive industry, and an electronic platform for corporate whistle-blowers and stakeholders. The internship will combine training from experts with hands-on projects to ensure that the experience is academically and professionally fulfilling.

The link below includes further information about PODER and how to apply for the internship.


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INFORMATION FROM THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

ABOUT THE CENTER

Established in 1993, the Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) is an international NGO based in New York that works for the recognition and enforcement of economic, social and cultural rights as a tool for promoting social justice and human dignity. CESR has been pioneering new approaches to advocate for social and economic rights, which seeks to operationalize social and economic rights through the combined use of social science methods and legal advocacy. CESR also strives to bridge the divide between human rights and development paradigms and to prompt reflection to advance a more holistic approach to monitor development processes from a human rights perspective, particularly in countries and contexts of rights vulnerability and transition.

CESR’s core institutional goals for the current period are to:

- Promote human rights as guiding principles of economic and social policy, especially in contexts of rights vulnerability and crisis.
- Develop new methodologies for measuring and monitoring economic and social rights compliance, seeking greater accountability and challenging barriers to justice.
- Empower and build capacities of advocates and organizations within and beyond the human rights movement to monitor compliance with economic and social rights.

For more on CESR’s work, see [http://www.cesr.org/index.php](http://www.cesr.org/index.php)

SUMMER PROJECTS

Project 1: Securing Egypt’s transition through economic and social rights

It is widely acknowledged that the Arab uprising and the Egyptian revolution, in particular, were driven by citizens seeking to reclaim their rights—not only to political freedoms, but also to a decent standard of living. The success and sustainability of Egypt’s democratic transition therefore depends on addressing social deprivation. In the absence of a clear economic vision, the transitional government appears to be favoring “quick fixes” over the meaningful structural changes the country needs to eradicate entrenched patterns of poverty, inequality and exclusion. In November 2013,
Egypt will appear before the 51st session of the United Nations Committee on Economic and Social Rights. CESR and its national partner, the Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights will take advantage of Egypt’s upcoming appearance to prepare a report that documents the decline of ESCR in the Egyptian transition; generate evidence of ESCR violations occurring in the country; and advocate for more rights-based policies and practices. The intern will assist the project coordinator to prepare the submission by: conducting legal and policy research on economic and social rights in Egypt or on comparative case studies, coordinating with CESR’s partner organizations in Egypt; drafting documents and preparing materials for advocacy.

**Project 2: Building evidence for economic and social rights litigation**

In litigation that seeks to challenge structural violations of ESCR, serious evidentiary questions arise in the context of: determining the scope of the right; assessing questions of proportionality or reasonableness of the state’s actions to determine whether the right was breached; and formulating an appropriate remedy. Creating the factual record is necessarily an interdisciplinary task. It entails the use of a variety of quantitative methods—including budget analysis, and a whole plethora of other social science tools and indicators—to support legal arguments. However, the general lack of technical expertise of both litigants and the judiciary in presenting and evaluating quantitative evidence has to-date been a limitation. By exploring how these evidentiary questions play out in structural litigation in greater depth, this project contributes to building the capacity of courts to address ESCR. The intern will assist in the project coordinator to conduct legal research and comparative case analysis; preparing materials (briefing notes, discussion papers etc) on particular questions related to the project (e.g. on questions of admissibility, channels for presenting evidence, its different uses etc.); and consulting with lawyers practicing in this field.

**PARTICULAR SKILLS WE ARE SEEKING**

Interns should have excellent analytical, communication and writing skills in English. They should demonstrate an attention to detail; ability to work independently and to take initiative on specific tasks; and ability to synthesize and evaluate data. A strong knowledge of international human rights law, in particular economic and social rights and a commitment to and understanding of social and economic policies and development issues are also essential. It is strongly desirable, though not essential, that applicants be fluent in Spanish or Arabic (written, in particular). Familiarity with the following would also be an asset:

a) both civil and common law systems;
b) quantitative and qualitative analysis of social science statistics;
c) macro-economics, especially fiscal policy; and
d) internet database resources on socio-economic and development data from various international agencies and trusted sources, such as UNSTAT, the World Bank, WHO, regional and NGO databases, Demographic and Health surveys, among others.