Fellowship in Human Rights and Justice

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas at Austin, an interdisciplinary human rights center housed in the School of Law, seeks applications for a two-year residential fellowship beginning summer 2017. Applicants from all disciplines and countries are welcome to apply.

The Fellow will work closely with the Center’s co-directors and staff to provide intellectual and administrative leadership for a multi-year project on human rights and economic inequality. The project examines structural drivers of economic inequality, how laws might create, accentuate, or ameliorate forms of unequal distribution, and the ways in which the global architecture of human rights could be improved to better address inequality between and within countries. The primary thematic focus of the next two years of the project will be labor rights and the future of work in a globalized economy. We will also be finalizing work on natural resource governance.

We are seeking an academic or a practitioner who is either currently engaged in human rights research with an interest in labor or has experience in international labor rights. Additional familiarity with natural resource governance is an advantage. Candidates should have strong writing and verbal communication skills and an aptitude for critical analysis of human rights issues and practices, particularly from a global perspective.

The fellowship will entail academic and administrative responsibilities relating to the project and may include:
- Researching and drafting reports and white papers, and/or assisting with academic publications;
- Organizing a speaker series, conference, and other public events;
- Co-teaching a human rights seminar;
- Coordinating a project with the Human Rights Clinic;
- Collaborating on research and curriculum with faculty and graduate and professional students;
- Networking with academics, activists, and policymakers in multiple regions;
- Establishing new international internship placements related to the project; and
- Supervising staff and students involved with the project.

Ideally, the appointment will begin July 1, 2017. The Fellow will be offered a competitive stipend in the range of $47,500-55,000/year, health insurance and other benefits, full use of UT facilities, and office space at the Law School. The Fellow is required to be in residence in Austin, although the position will likely include some international travel. The Fellow may not hold any other appointment during the fellowship period. Preference will be given to applicants who have received a PhD, JD, or equivalent law degree by the start date.

Application packages are due February 15, 2017, and should include the following materials: cover letter; CV; graduate transcripts (unofficial and scanned are acceptable); personal statement about relevant research and practical experience (no more than 500 words); writing sample (no more than 7000 words); and three letters of recommendation, including at least one academic reference. Any questions, and all materials (in PDF format), should be sent to Sarah Cline, Rapoport Center Administrative Associate, at scline@law.utexas.edu.