



## *Overseas International Human Rights Law Internships*

*Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis*

*Application Materials – Summer 2009*

*Attached are:*

- (a) Partial List of Former Interns' Email Addresses;*
- (b) 2009 Overseas Human Rights Internship Application; (to be turned in)*
- (c) Scholarship/Financial Aid Application; (to be turned in)*

### *Overseas Summer Internships – Some Information – Summary.*

- **Scholarships.** Students receive Law School scholarships – Used for Air Fare, Housing, Food, etc for 10-12 weeks.
- **In Which Countries May Interns Work?** Work in virtually any country in the world! So far, the Law School has had 81 International Human Rights Law Interns (J.D. and LL.M. students), who rendered pro bono services to more than 110 host organizations in more than 51 countries (since 1997)
- **Types of Host Organizations?** Intern with inter-governmental bodies (e.g. the United Nations), non-governmental groups, & governmental bodies.
- **Application Deadline?** Applications due on or before **28 November 2008 (Friday)** (Earlier submission of applications would be appreciated).
- **Internship Dates?** Interns work for 10 – 12 weeks during May – August 2009 (Summer).
- **Academic Credit?** Students receive 4 credit hours
- **Internship Eligibility?** 1L, 2L, & LL.M. students are eligible. Some 3Ls may be eligible. (See attached materials)
- **Scholarship Eligibility?** (See attached Application materials).

### **What can a student do now to prepare?**

- Start thinking about where you would like to work. Which country? What type of organization? What type of international human rights law issues interest you?
- Read the *Indiana International Human Rights Law Bulletin*, which can be found online–[indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights](http://indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights).
- Talk with former interns about their experiences. Many former interns are currently enrolled at the Law School. You can find their names through the PIHRL Web Page.
- If you have questions about the PIHRL, please contact our Program Manager, Mr. Perfecto “Boyet” Caparas – [pcaparas @ alumni.iu.edu](mailto:pcaparas@alumni.iu.edu). Boyet will provide you with additional information. Also, for further information, please visit the Human Rights Center, in Room 235-A. The Center is located next to the Reading Room of the Law Library.
- Visit the PIHRL Web Page: [indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights/](http://indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights/)
- If you wish, you may make an appointment through Ms. Michelle F. Davis, Faculty Assistant (Room 211-A) to meet with Prof. Edwards. You may call Michelle at 274-1917 and/or send her an email at [davismf @ iupui.edu](mailto:davismf@iupui.edu).
- If you have no idea where you would want to work, do not be discouraged! We can figure that out after the information meetings.

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Director, Program in International Human Rights Law *and*  
Faculty Director/Advisor, Master of Laws (LL.M.) Track in International Human Rights Law

# *Program in International Human Rights Law 2009 Internship Program Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis*

## *Information & Application Packet As of 29 August 2008*

### *1. Description of the 2009 International Human Rights Law Internship Program.*

The *International Human Rights Law Internship Program* of Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis is part of the Law School's *Program in International Human Rights Law ("PIHRL")*, which was established in the 1997 Spring. One mission of the PIHRL is "to facilitate the placement of students as law interns at international human rights organizations domestically and abroad".

The *Internship Program* was inaugurated in the 1997 summer with two (2) students placed in overseas internships. In 1998, the number doubled to four (4) student placements, and in 1999, the number doubled again to nine (9) student placements. In 2000, we placed an additional ten (10) students, in 2001 we placed twelve (12) students, in 2002 we placed six (6) students, in 2003 we placed nine (9) students and in 2004 we placed ten (10) students (including 3 LL.M. students) at 13 different organizations. In 2005 we placed seven (7) students including three (3) LLM students at six different organizations and this past summer we placed six (6) students including three (3) LLM students at five different organizations.

The more than 110 placements\* over 10 years have been to approximately 51 countries! The 81 students have performed a wide variety of human rights law work for many different types of organizations. Host organizations have been in Africa (East, West & Southern), Asia (West, East, South & South East), Australia, Europe (West, Central & East), the Americas (North, Central and South America), the Middle East, and the Caribbean.

In 2009, we hope to place students at human rights law organizations in various locations where prior interns have worked during the last 10 summers. Also, we may send students to new locations! Attached hereto is a complete list of 1997-2008 interns by country (*fluorescent pink sheet*), the year they interned and the host organizations. As well you will find attached a map (*fluorescent yellow sheet*) showing all our internship locations, the interns who worked there and their area of work. ***Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, and the Caribbean.*** If you wish to work in a city or country that is not on one of the lists you find in these materials, please let us know. Likewise, if you want to work on substantive issues not listed, please let us know. Placements may also be arranged in substantive and geographical areas of your interest.

### *2. Application materials.*

Application instructions and an Application Form are attached to this memo, which contains information relating to scholarships for airfare and other expenses, academic credit, type of organizations & work, internship requirements, internship length, and other matters. A Scholarship Application is also attached.

### *3. What are international human rights? What is international human rights law?*

***"International human rights"***, for purposes of the internships, refers to universally applicable norms and standards contained in international human rights law instruments, such as: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR); the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); Convention Against Torture; etc.

***"International human rights law"*** can be defined as the law governing application and implementation of the norms and standards listed above.

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\* Because some of our interns have worked in more than one city or country at different placements, and some of our students have worked as interns during more than one summer, the number of listed student placements does not equal the number of students, the number of countries, etc.

You may find copies of the above-listed international human rights law instruments (and other such instruments) on the Web, or in the Human Rights Center (Room 235-A – entry through the Library, next to the Reading Room.)

#### 4. *At what types of organizations might students intern?*

International human rights law organizations at which students might intern fall into 3 principle categories: (a) non-governmental human rights law organizations; (b) inter-governmental human rights law organizations; and (c) governmental human rights law divisions.

- (a) ***Non-governmental organizations (NGOs).*** NGOs are private organizations that engage in international human rights law advocacy, research, relief & assistance. Some NGOs make human rights legal claims, on behalf of victims, before international tribunals (e.g., United Nations bodies) and domestic tribunals (e.g., human rights commissions such as the Equal Opportunities Commission in Hong Kong, or the Australian Human Rights Commission in Sydney). Other NGOs offer advice on international human rights law to asylum seekers and refugees (eg, on the Cambodian/Laotian/Thailand borders). Other NGOs document human rights violations (such as torture, arbitrary or summary executions, racial and other forms of persecution) in different regions of the world, and disseminate that information world-wide.

Examples of NGOs include: Amnesty International (where an IU student in Dublin worked during the 2000 summer); Human Rights First (formerly the “Lawyers’s Committee for Human Rights”); Human Rights Watch; the Northern Ireland Committee on Ethnic Minorities (where an IU student worked in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 in Belfast); the South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre (where an IU student worked in 1997 in New Delhi, India); the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor (where an IU student worked in 1998); the East Timor Human Rights Centre (where an IU student worked in 1999 in Melbourne, Australia); the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (where an IU student worked in East Jerusalem in 2000); and the Gay and Lesbian Organization of Zimbabwe (where an IU student worked in 1999).

Other Non-Governmental Organizations include entities associated with state-supported academic institutions. Examples include The Center for the Study of Capital Punishment, which is part of the Westminster University, in London where our students worked in 2003 and 2004, and the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, where another student worked in 2003. *(Please see the attached map for additional Non-Governmental Organizations our interns have worked)*

- (b) ***Inter-governmental organizations (“IGOs”).*** Human rights IGOs are organizations made up of groups of nations that unite for human rights, humanitarian and other concerns. The United Nations is perhaps the best example of an IGO. In 1997, 2000, and 2002, IU students worked at the European Headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1998, one student worked at the world headquarters of the United Nations in New York. In 2003, a student worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Washington, DC. In 1999 and 2005, students worked for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, in Arusha, Tanzania, and in 2005 two students worked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. We have had nine (9) interns placed at different United Nations divisions since 1997, and multiple interns who worked at organizations that submitted reports to the United Nations, participated in United Nations hearings, etc. *(Please see the attached map for additional Non-Governmental Organizations our interns have worked)*

- (c) ***Governmental Bodies (including placements at State supported University Centers):***

Our interns have worked for the Governments of various countries. Students have worked for Human Rights Governmental Commissions, other governmental divisions, or Offices of Attorneys General.

- a. ***Governmental Commissions & Divisions.*** Many countries establish Human Rights Governmental Commissions that adjudicate domestic human rights claims. Commissions also monitor domestic implementation of international human rights, research and investigate particular areas of human rights, or,

attempt to resolve a particular issue or set of issues domestically. For example, some countries have Health and Human Rights Commissions that devise strategies for ensuring that health-related international human rights norms are implemented domestically. Other countries have Truth and Reconciliation Commissions that seek to repair damage to the social fibre caused by atrocities such as apartheid, genocide, war crimes, etc. Some countries have Equal Opportunities Commissions and/or Human Rights Commissions that apply international human rights norms in the national jurisdictions.

- b. ***Student Placements – Governmental Commissions & Divisions.*** In 1998, our student placed in Sydney, Australia worked for the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission. Also in 1998, our student in Cape Town worked with an organization that was created following the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 2000, one of our students worked for the Equal Opportunities Commission in Hong Kong. In 2002, two of our students worked for a governmental human rights office in Pristina, Kosovo (Office of the Prime Minister of Kosovo) and one of our students worked for a governmental body in Prague, Czech Republic.
- c. ***Attorneys General Chambers.*** In 1999, our student placed in Puerto Rico worked for the Attorney General's Office of Puerto Rico. In 2001, one of our students worked for the Rwandan Attorney General in Kigali. In 2003, one of our students worked for the Attorney General's Office of Trinidad and Tobago.

#### **5. *What type of work do interns perform at human rights law organizations?***

Interns are directly supervised by an official of the host organization at which the intern is placed. Supervisors are typically lawyers or a legal officer. A wide range of law-related work is possible, depending on the nature of the organization, what projects are active in the office, the interests of the intern, and the needs of the organization. Work could include legal research and writing, advocacy, client interviews, meetings with other NGOs and IGOs. For an idea of the nature of work of the summer interns, please refer to the PIHRL Web Page. You may also refer to the *Indiana International Human Rights Law Bulletin* (which appears on the PIHRL Web Page).

#### **6. *At which organizations will interns work in each of the countries?***

Students might work at numerous, varied organizations in many cities/countries. The organizations include a range of NGOs, IGOs, and governmental commissions. It is not efficient to list all of the organizations where students might work because, for example, positions are contingent upon our having suitable students who are ready, willing and able to take up the positions. However, please refer to the attached Student Overseas Internship Placements list and map for ideas about prospective host organizations. ***Please remember that just because you don't see a city, country, organization, or substantive area of interest of your represented on the list does not mean that we can not arrange such a placement.***

After we review student applications, and conduct student interviews/discussions, we can better determine which students might be best matched with the host organizations. We will discuss that with students individually.

#### **7. *Briefing/De-briefing requirements.***

Overseas interns are required to attend a briefing session (May 2009) in Indianapolis before departing for their internships. Interns will report to the PIHRL Director periodically during the summer, by e-mail, fax and/or by telephone (funds are provided by the program to interns to cover these expenses). Interns are required to write a de-briefing memo upon their return to Indianapolis, and attend a de-briefing session. Students are required, if requested, to speak to the student body at an information session and to participate in one session of the course on international human rights law.

#### **8. *Selection Criteria/Eligibility for Internships***

Student applicants must demonstrate a serious interest in international human rights law. This does not mean that students must have prior human rights experience. Also, this does not mean that before you intern you must have taken a course in international human rights law. You may intern without the course, and without substantive human rights experience. Students who have not taken the International Human Rights Law course will take it after the internship.

You will have an opportunity to tell us about your interests in essays we request that you write as part of your application. We request that you tell us: why you want to work as a summer overseas human rights law intern; what you hope to gain from the experience; how the internship will advance your career objectives; where you would like to go to intern (need not be definite, but you need to give us at least a rough idea of what appeals to you); factors about your background that make you a suitable candidate for an overseas internship (eg, foreign language skills, travel experience, work experience, study experience); and, anything else you want to tell us.

Only Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis students are eligible for our International Human Rights Law internships and internship scholarships. Typical interns in recent years worked as interns immediately following their first or second years of law school, or were students in our Master of Laws (LLM) Program.

#### **9. Academic Credit**

Four (4) credit hours are available for students who successfully complete an internship. The credits are graded S/U.

Students may elect not to receive academic credit for their internship. However, interns who do not seek academic credit are not eligible for scholarships or financial aid.

Additional academic credit may be available in conjunction with the Advanced Writing Requirement. Professor Edwards may supervise papers written by interns. The grade for the paper is separate from the grade for the internship.

#### **10. Application procedures:**

- (1) Complete the Internship Application. Ensure that your answers to the questions are thoughtful and informed. An Application Form is attached.
- (2) Submit the completed Internship Application ***on or before 28 November 2008 (Friday). Earlier submission of applications is welcome!*** This year, students are being given a particularly long period in which to complete the application. Thus, our expectations are high that applications will be thoughtful and informed. After applications have been turned in, students will be contacted for a brief interview/discussion.
- (3) Complete and submit the attached Scholarship/Financial Aid Application Form.
- (4) This year, we will be making a special effort to sort out the intern selection and placement process as early as possible in the Spring semester. We are mindful that students need to make plans for their summers as early as possible.

#### **11. Scholarships.**

Scholarships are available to support students during their internships. This is important, as the internships are unpaid. Scholarship amounts are determined upon consultation with the Dean and the Law School Scholarships Committee. Amounts depend on how many students apply, students' financial needs, availability of funds, living costs in locations students will work, etc. Consideration is given to the cost of air fare, living expenses, students' law school loan burden, etc. We endeavor to meet the summer financial needs of all students selected as interns.

We do not anticipate the maximum scholarship amount from the law school to be much greater than approximately \$4,500 per person. In the past, students have applied for and received non-law school scholarships to supplement their law school scholarships.

Scholarship funds are used to pay for approved expenses associated with the internships. At the end of the internships, students are required to submit to the PIHRL receipts for major expenses (air fare, housing, etc) to show that the funds were used for approved expenses. Scholarship funds not spent on approved expenses are returned to the Law School.

***Please do not be discouraged from applying for financial reasons!! We will do our best to accommodate as many 2009 internships as we can!!***

Our Internship Program has always been competitive, with our receiving more and more applications each year. I encourage you to apply even though full funding may not yet be secured.

**Non-Law School Scholarships:** We have compiled information about other scholarships, in addition to Law School Scholarships, for which students may be eligible. Several previous students have received such outside scholarships to supplement their regular intern law school scholarships. Eligibility is on an individual basis. Students may receive these outside scholarships, even if they do not qualify for Law School Scholarships.

## 12. *Length of Internships*

Interns generally work between 10-12 weeks at their host organizations.

## 13. *Other Information*

Issues of immunizations, passports, visa, etc will be addressed on an individual basis with selected interns. Health insurance is available through Indiana University for a small fee (in 2007, about \$24 per month per student).

## 14. *How can you enhance your chances of being selected, and being placed at your "ideal" internship?*

--- Prepare a thoughtful, informed application, and submit it on time. To be competitive, you will need to think carefully about the questions posed on the application before you complete the application. I encourage you not to wait until the last minute and scramble to try to get your application in on the **deadline day, 28 November 2008 (Friday)**.

--- Conduct research in international human rights law *before* you apply, so that your application can be thoughtful and informed. Before you apply, speak with students who have taken the *International Human Rights Law* course, or with other law school people who are familiar with human rights law.

--- Communicate with students who interned in previous years. Many former interns are at the Law School or in Indianapolis. Attached to this application is an email list of some of our former interns. For interns who may not be on the list, you can contact our Program Manager, Mr. Perfecto "Boyet" Caparas (pcaparas @ alumni.iu.edu).

--- Speak with Law School Professors & Administrators. Ask how they think your internship will advance your careers.

--- Talk with me (Prof. Edwards) (as some of you have already).

--- Read the *Indiana International Human Rights Law Bulletins* at [http://indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights/publications/bulletinv1n2.htm#\\_1\\_17](http://indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights/publications/bulletinv1n2.htm#_1_17)

--- Check out the PIHRL Web Page: <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/humanrights/>

## 15. *Application Deadline*

The Application & Scholarship/Financial Aid Form are attached hereto. Completed Application and Scholarship form are due on **Friday, 28 November, 2008. Early submissions welcome!!**

*Please turn in 1 original, plus 3 copies, stapled, to:  
Prof. Edwards' Faculty Assistant, Ms. Michelle F. Davis  
Law School, 2nd Floor Faculty Suites, 211-A  
before 4:00 pm on  
Friday, 28 November 2008.*

**I encourage you not to wait until the last minute and scramble to try to get your application in!  
If you have a problem with the application, please let us know at pcaparas @ alumni.iu.edu.**

*Thank You & Good Luck!*

## 2004-2008 Interns' E-mail addresses

*You may contact former interns if you have questions about their experiences and their host countries.  
For email contacts for interns not on this list, please contact Ms. Davis.*

Thomas	Benner	tombennerlaw@yahoo.com
Perfecto	Caparas	pcaparas@alumni.iu.edu
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Justin	Glon	justinglon@hotmail.com
Lun	Kham	lkham@iupui.edu
Lisa	Koop	lkoop@hotmail.com
Matt	Kubal	mkubal@iupui.edu
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Sean	Monkhouse	Sean.monkhouse@gmail.com
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Kevin	Munoz	munozkc@hotmail.com
Tatianna	Obando	Tatiana_obando@yahoo.com
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**APPLICATION FORM: Please Print in Block Letters!**  
**Program in International Human Rights Law**  
**2009 Internship Program**  
**Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel (Home & office) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS (1L, 2L, 3L, LLM, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Law School credit hours anticipated being completed before Summer 2009: \_\_\_\_\_

Respond to the following requests *in a separate typed, double-spaced document*. Indicate the request to which you respond by repeating its title. *Place your name on top of each typed, numbered page you submit*. Staple together: (a) completed Application Form; (b) your typed responses to six questions (note that the questions continue on the following page); (c) completed financial aid form (if applicable); & (d) your updated Resume. *Deliver the original & 3 stapled copies* to Ms. Michelle F. Davis, at the Law School, 2nd Floor, 211-A.

**Deadline for Submission: Friday, 28 November 2008, 4:00 p.m. (At the Latest)**

**1. *Demonstration of serious interest in international human rights law and/or other areas of public interest work.***

- Describe your interest in human rights and/or public interest law.
- Describe aspects of your background and experiences that may be relevant to your decision to pursue a human rights law internship.
- Describe how an international human rights internship may help you meet your career objectives.
- What are your career objectives?
- Please describe why you decided to seek a legal education? Please be as detailed and specific as possible.

*{Please note that the questions continue on the following page.}*

2. *Prior experience.*

- Describe your work or other human rights or public interest experience(s) (paid or volunteer, law or non-law).
- You need not repeat matter explained in the first essay. (NB: Prior work experience *is not* required for internships.)

3. *Special Qualifications:*

- Describe any specialized skills, knowledge and experiences (including foreign language competence, or overseas work, study or living experiences) you have that may be helpful for us to know in exploring possible placements.

4. *Placement Preference.*

- List, in order of preference, geographical areas/countries where you may like to work (even if they are not on the list!).
- List substantive human rights areas (eg, health, women's rights, refugees, minority rights, sexuality rights, migrant worker rights), in which you may like to work.
- *You will not be penalized if at this point you have no firm idea of where or in which substantive area you would like to work.*

5. *Other Placement Information.*

- Provide *any* other information you think we should consider in selecting you.

6. *Financial Aid/Scholarship Form:*

- To apply for a scholarship, please complete the Scholarship/Financial Aid Form.
- Scholarships are based on need.

**Indiana University School of Law -- Indianapolis**  
**PIHRL Internship Scholarship/Financial Aid Application 2009**  
**(Please Print in Block Letters or Type)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Home & Office) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS (1L, 2L, 3L, LLM, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date? Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I pay non-resident tuition. \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No) I am Full-Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_\_ (in the 2008-2009 academic year)

I am a Joint Degree Candidate. \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes/No). If yes, which type? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, law hrs 2008 - 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

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1. 2008 Calendar Year Income (Adjusted Gross Income). **Self:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Domestic Partner:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. 2009 Calendar Year Income (Estimated AGI). **Self:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Domestic Partner:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Civil Status (e.g., married, single, domestic partnership) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

5. Outstanding balance on educational loans incurred prior to law school \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding balance on law school loans (not including Fall or Spring 2008 loans) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of educational loans anticipated for the 2008 - 2009 academic year (not including summer 2009) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Other sources from which I anticipate receiving assistance during the 2008 - 2009 academic year, and the estimated amount.

IU tuition fee courtesy \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Tuition reimbursement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Armed Forces/Veterans \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Family (gifts, loans, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description of my involvement in Law School activities and organizations. *(Use Additional Sheets of Paper if needed)*

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8. Any additional information that I wish to be considered. *(Use Additional Sheets of Paper if needed)*

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(Date)

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(Signature)