International Public Interest Fellowships –
Opening a World of Possibilities for our Graduates

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Program Description: Every year more and more of our public interest oriented students express a passion for international public interest legal advocacy. Many of them come to our law schools with significant paid public interest work and/or volunteer experience in international settings. International public interest fellowships can provide the perfect bridge from law school to a career in international advocacy. This panel will provide an overview of international fellowship opportunities, practical advice on how best to prepare our students to apply, and concrete tips on counseling applicants through the process of preparing winning resumes, essays, and interviews.

1. An Overview of Resources and a Sampling of International Public Interest Fellowships:

   A. General Resources:
      1. Harvard Resources
         - Office of Public Interest Advising (OPIA) Section on Public International Work:
         - OPIA’s International Links:
           http://www.law.harvard.edu/current/careers/opia/toolkit/public-interest-links.html#International
      2. PSJD https://www.psjd.org/International_Resources
         - Finding & Funding International Public Service Opportunities (Cinnamon Baker & Rebecca Knowles – William & Mary, Beth Shakelford – University of Georgia, Paula Nailon – University of Arizona)
         - Post-Graduate International Fellowships Guide (Columbia)
         - Guide to International Public Interest Careers (Yale)
         - Tips for Students Seeking International Internships (NYU)
         - Finding Employment Opportunities with Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO’s) and the UN (Sara Rakita – NYU)
      3. Yale – Opportunities with International Tribunals & Foreign Courts
      4. The Foundation Center www.foundationcenter.org
      5. Omidyar Network www.omidyar.com
B. The Importance of Initial Counseling and Assessment:
   1. What prompts an individual student’s interest in international work? Does their interest stem from academic study? Work in the field in a particular country? Work with a particular population? Work related to a particular issue? Are their interests tied to a particular geographic region or country? Are their interests tied to policy related work, direct client service, academic study, legislative/government advocacy, work through different courts?
   3. What specific interests and short-term/long-term goals do individual students have for their international public interest work? How might this translate to their choices for activities/courses/clinics/pro bono work during 1L/2L/3L years and immediately after graduation?
   4. Providing individual students with an overview of the very broad range of types of international public interest work, and which opportunities – including ones they may not be aware of – best match their interests and goals.
   5. Creative thinking – following the road less travelled. Stressing the vital importance of networking. Both maintaining connections with existing contacts from previous work/volunteer/academic experience – and expanding a network through outreach to: upper class students, professors, academics from related disciplines within the university and/or at other schools, alumni, fellows, attending related panels and programs and introducing self, bar association committees, professional associations, etc.

C. Fellowships Based on a Specific Geographic Area/Country:
   1. Fulbright – many countries (http://us.fulbrightonline.org/)
   2. Gates Cambridge Scholarships (http://www.gatescambridge.org/)
      Prestigious, highly competitive full-cost scholarships awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. Aims to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others. Established in 2000 by a donation of US$210m from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the University of Cambridge; this is the largest ever single donation to a UK university. While at Cambridge, Scholars pursue full range of subjects available at the University and are spread through its departments and Colleges. Alumni are pursuing further study or employment across many sectors of society. Despite the relative youth of the program, Gates Cambridge Alumni are increasingly taking on leadership roles and applying their knowledge and skills to improve the lives of others. 90 new Scholarships awarded each year: 40 in US round, 50 in international round.
A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, Cultural Vistas has used career exploration to facilitate connections between Americans and international visitors for more than 60 years.

One year or more:

A distinguished transatlantic initiative that offers fifteen accomplished Americans the opportunity to complete a comprehensive professional development program in Germany. The Bosch Fellowship is comprised of three main components: customized work placements, professional seminars, and German language training. Bosch Fellows work as consultants in their field of expertise at leading public or private institutions in Germany. In addition, Bosch Fellows participate in professional seminars, where they travel to meet and exchange ideas with key figures across Germany and Europe. Prior to their work placements and seminars, Bosch Fellows participate in up to 5 months of language training with both private tutors in the United States and group classes in Germany. Fellows are from the fields of business administration, cultural management (ex. museum, theater, orchestra), journalism, law, non-profit, public policy, and urban planning. The program is fully funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung, one of the largest foundations in Germany, with the goal of fostering a community of American leaders who have firsthand experience in the political, economic and cultural environment of Germany and the European Union.

- **Alfa Fellowship Program** – Russia. ([http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/alfa-fellowship](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/alfa-fellowship))
The Alfa Fellowship Program is a distinguished professional development program placing accomplished young professionals in work assignments at leading organizations in Russia in the fields of business, economics, journalism, law, public policy and related area. The program accepts up to 15 American and British citizens per year. The program includes intensive Russian language training, seminar series, and extended professional experience. Fellows receive a monthly stipend, language training, program-related travel costs, housing and insurance. The Alfa Fellowship Program aims to expand networks of American, British and Russian professionals, develop greater intercultural understanding, and advance U.S.-Russian and U.K.-Russian relations.

- **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX)** – Germany ([http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/congress-bundestag-youth-exchange-for-young-professionals](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/congress-bundestag-youth-exchange-for-young-professionals))
The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals
(CBYX) is a fellowship funded by the German Bundestag and U.S. Congress, that annually provides 75 American and 75 German young professionals the opportunity to spend one year in each others' countries, studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program. The CBYX program is sponsored in the United States. by the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended. Cultural Vistas has administered CBYX for Young Professionals for over 29 years, together with its German partner organization, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit.

4. **One Acre Fund** ([www.oneacrefund.org](http://www.oneacrefund.org/)) – Africa
   
   Our Vision: Farmers are the Answer. When farmers improve their harvests, they pull themselves out of poverty. They also start producing surplus food for their neighbors. When farmers prosper, they eradicate poverty and hunger in their communities. One Acre Fund is growing quickly and we are proud to soon represent Africa’s largest network of smallholder farmers. By 2020, we will serve at least 1 million farm families - with more than 5 million people living in those families. And our neighbors will produce enough surplus food to feed another 5 million of their neighbors. This is only the tip of the iceberg. When millions of farmers speak with one voice, we can more effectively pursue collaboration together with government and the private sector to broaden our reach.


   
   Meeting India’s goals for sustainable development requires not only hard work and dedication, but also leaders with the firsthand experience and real-world skills to deliver practical, local solutions. The William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India is helping to shape the next generation of leaders committed to impactful change while also strengthening civil society to be more efficient and effective.

   The Fellowship pairs a select number of highly skilled young professionals with leading NGOs and social enterprises in India in order to accelerate impact and create effective projects that are replicable, scalable, and sustainable. Through ten months of service and fieldwork, Fellows gain knowledge of development on the ground in the fields of education, livelihoods, public health, and social enterprise, honing and harnessing their growing skills as change agents capable of effecting lasting change. Together, Fellows and development sector leaders form dynamic partnerships to exchange knowledge and skills while sharing their passion and commitment to open new ways of looking at the world – ultimately transforming both the individual and organization.

6. Contact the Culture Desk of the Local Government.
Summer Funding:


Affords underrepresented U.S. university students the unique opportunity to advance their career goals, develop global competencies, and experience life in another culture. Cultural Vistas will select up to 12 fellows to take part in this multinational professional development program that includes eight-week summer internships in Argentina, Germany, and Singapore.

- **Internships Abroad** – Argentina, Chile, France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland ([http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/internships-abroad](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/internships-abroad))

Cultural Vistas' internships abroad programs provide customized summer and year-long internship placements tailored to students' specific skill sets, ambitions, and career aspirations. Programs allow students to see the world, experience new cultures firsthand, and gain the transferable skills that will set them apart in today's global marketplace. For applicants who have already secured an internship, work authorization services are also available. Our internships abroad programs are administered in cooperation with our partner organization COINED in Argentina and Chile, and Cultural Vistas representatives in Berlin and Madrid. In addition to individualized internship placements, participants receive assistance with language training, foreign language resume writing, pre-departure cultural and logistical information, as well as in-country and re-entry support.

D. Issue/Subject Specific Fellowships


Mission: To foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

**Helton Fellowship Program** ([http://www.asil.org/resources/helton-fellowship-program](http://www.asil.org/resources/helton-fellowship-program))

Established in 2004 on the recommendation of the ASIL Honors Committee, recognizes the legacy of Arthur C. Helton, a remarkable ASIL member who died in the August 19, 2003 bombing of the UN mission in Baghdad. Funded by contributions from ASIL members, interest groups, and private foundations, Helton Fellowships provide financial assistance in the form of "micro-grants" for law students and young professionals to pursue field work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and related areas.

Since its founding the Helton Fellowship Program has supported more than 80 young lawyers pursue projects on four continents, expanding the capacity of dozens of international and non-governmental organizations. Fellows undertake their projects in association with an established educational institution, international organization, governmental agency, or non-governmental organization working in areas related to international law,
human rights, and humanitarian affairs. ASIL does not assist in securing organizational sponsorship for Fellows. In acknowledgement of Arthur Helton’s commitment to human rights and humanitarian affairs in the field, preferential consideration may be given to applications demonstrating a significant fieldwork component as well as those involving the human rights of refugees, internally displaced persons, and other vulnerable populations. Applications for fieldwork in the area of international criminal law and international humanitarian law are also encouraged.

Helton Fellowship micro-grants are intended to ensure that these individuals have access to modest amounts of funding that can often stand between them and their first professional opportunities to become effective practitioners, experts, and scholars of international law. The fellowships are intended to help cover for travel, housing, living expenses, and other costs related to the Fellow’s fieldwork and research.

2. Entrepreneurship

- **Ashoka** ([http://usa.ashoka.org/](http://usa.ashoka.org/))
  
  We build networks of pattern-changing social innovators and select high-impact entrepreneurs, who creatively solve some of the world’s biggest social challenges, to become Ashoka Fellows. Ashoka believes that there is nothing more powerful than a new idea in the hands of a social entrepreneur. Social entrepreneurs are relentless team-builders and problem-solvers who set new norms in their fields of work. They are practical visionaries – practical in that they are highly attentive to the nuts and bolts of making things work, and visionary in that they often reframe the problem, build roles for others to participate, and cast a long term view for change at least at the national level.

  **Ashoka Global Fellows** ([https://www.ashoka.org/global](https://www.ashoka.org/global))
  
  Global Fellowship is the active network of 3,000 Fellows worldwide, offering services and opportunities designed to meet Fellows’ needs at all stages of their careers. The program supports its members with tools, personal and professional support, and enhanced entrepreneurial opportunities.

  Once elected to Ashoka’s Global Fellowship, Fellows enter a borderless community of creativity and collective action. Connected through shared identity, values, goals, and approaches to social change, Ashoka Fellows seek support, ideas, inspiration, and motivation from their peers locally and globally.

  Collaborating across regions and fields, Ashoka Fellows achieve results more powerful than what they could accomplish on their own, including new initiatives, publicity, or theoretical concepts that will guide their respective fields and advance the citizen sector.

- **Acumen Fund** ([http://acumen.org/](http://acumen.org/))

  Acumen is a non-profit that raises charitable donations to invest in companies, leaders, and ideas that are changing the way the world tackles poverty.
Acumen Global Fellows Program ([http://acumen.org/leaders/global-fellows](http://acumen.org/leaders/global-fellows))

Established in 2006, the Global Fellows Program is a 12-month fellowship for individuals dedicated to serving the poor and who have the business and operational expertise, and moral imagination needed to effect long-term social change. The fellowship begins with an eight-week training program in the Acumen New York office, where Fellows learn about business models for the poor, hone their leadership skills, and learn more about Acumen.

After training, each Fellow works for the CEO or senior management of an Acumen investee on a critical business issue facing the organization. Fellows have worked on projects ranging from leading operations of a new business unit at a cotton ginnery in Uganda, to expanding the clinic network of a pharmacy company in India, to developing branding strategies for a microfinance institution in Pakistan.

Since 2006, we have received more than 4,400 applications from 100 countries and trained 63 Fellows from 21 countries. After the Fellowship year, Fellows continue to create social change, with 85% of the alumni currently in leadership positions at socially progressive organizations such as IDEO.org, Bridge International Academies, Endeavor, Bamboo Finance, New Island Capital, We the Change Foundation, Living Goods, Ashoka, Omidyar Network, and The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.

- **Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation ([http://www.drkfoundation.org/](http://www.drkfoundation.org/))**

  **Our Grants:**
  
  **Start Up Funding** - The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation partners with entrepreneurs to build strong and capable organizations. We believe that multi-year, unrestricted grant funding is essential for an organization to plan properly, hire well, and focus on its mission. If a leader can build a strong organization from the beginning, the organization has a much better chance at scaled and sustainable impact. To that end, The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation provides $300,000 in startup funding, paid over 3 years, to organizations that show extraordinary promise.

  **Management Assistance** - We serve as advisors and partners during the critical early years as the organizations build their infrastructure and begin to scale. We use a venture capital model and conduct extensive diligence before funding. We work closely with grantees on governance, strategy, management issues and growth, usually serving on their boards of directors.

  **Network of Entrepreneurs** - Our portfolio is an actively expanding array of the brightest stars of the non-profit sector. Our entrepreneurs have a reputation for collaborating and setting a standard of excellence for their sector. The Foundation fosters collaboration through an annual entrepreneur retreat, events throughout the year, and group calls on management techniques and other topics pertinent to the portfolio.

- **Echoing Green** (see Domestic)
3. Reproductive Rights
- **Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR)** ([www.reproductiverights.org](http://www.reproductiverights.org))


The Fellow for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) will be joining the Center at a critical time for reproductive rights globally. As opponents of women’s rights are mounting a scorched-earth campaign to turn back decades of hard-won progress, the Center is fighting back with short-, medium-, and long-term strategies, to reverse the erosion of reproductive rights protections across the U.S. and establish the right to affordable reproductive healthcare in the U.S. A key component of our strategic plan is to restore heightened protections for abortion rights, as promised to American women in the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* (1973).

The legal fellow for LAC will work under the supervision of the Regional Director for LAC and Regional Manager for LAC and work closely with other LAC program staff to support and build the work of the regional program in all areas of work. The position will be based in Bogotá, Colombia.

4. World Hunger
- **Congressional Hunger Center** ([http://www.hungercenter.org/hunger/](http://www.hungercenter.org/hunger/))

The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that works to make issues of domestic and international hunger a priority to policymakers in the U.S. government, and to raise a new generation of leaders to fight against hunger and poverty. Our mission is to train and inspire leaders who work to end hunger, and to advocate public policies that create a food secure world. We strive to be a leader in the movement to ensure access to food as a basic human right for all people. We create and nurture a community of innovative and inspiring leaders who act as change agents, bridging the gap between grassroots efforts and national and international public policy to provide access to nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

**Leland International Hunger Fellows Program** ([http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/](http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/))

The Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program trains emerging leaders in the fight to end hunger worldwide. It is a unique two-year program that combines field and policy work. Leland Fellows develop new skills while actively working to alleviate hunger and poverty in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. During the first year, fellows work directly to build food security in the field. In the second year, fellows apply their field experience to the design of sound development policy at the organizational, national, and international level. In addition to their field and policy work, fellows take part in annual CHC-sponsored training sessions and a range of professional development activities aimed at further adding to their skills and expertise. Each Leland
class consists of 12-15 skilled and committed individuals. The application process for fellows is highly selective. Most Leland Fellows hold advanced degrees and have spent at least one year working or volunteering in a developing country.

5. Environmental Rights

- **EarthRights International** ([http://www.earthrights.org/](http://www.earthrights.org/))
  EarthRights International (ERI) is a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of human rights and the environment, which we define as "earth rights." We specialize in fact-finding, legal actions against perpetrators of earth rights abuses, training grassroots and community leaders, and advocacy campaigns. Through these strategies, EarthRights International seeks to end earth rights abuses, to provide real solutions for real people, and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in the communities where we work.

  Louis B. Sohn Fellowship in Human Rights & Environment ([http://www.ciel.org/Education_Training/Fellowships_Sohn_Information.html](http://www.ciel.org/Education_Training/Fellowships_Sohn_Information.html)) CIEL offers one special fellowship each year, the Louis B. Sohn Fellowship in Human Rights and Environment, for public interest lawyers that have had significant on the ground experience working on human rights issues.

6. Human Rights

  Reprieve Fellows are outstanding individuals with a proven commitment to the Reprieve mission, working on the frontline, defending individuals facing the death penalty and re-uniting those held in secret prisons with the rule of law. Reprieve regards the Fellowships as seed money to start projects or careers in capital defense and human rights. Fellowship activities may include conducting litigation or research, undertaking investigation or mitigation work, setting up local organizations, and a range of other activities which assist in representing impoverished defendants. Fellows receive financial support, as well as practical and material assistance and training, from Reprieve in building up local organizations and in undertaking this work.

- **The Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG)** – many countries ([http://publicinternationallawandpolicygroup.org/](http://publicinternationallawandpolicygroup.org/))
  The Public International Law & Policy Group is a non-profit organization that operates as a global *pro bono* law firm to provide free legal assistance to states and governments involved in peace negotiations, advise states on drafting post-conflict constitutions, and assist in prosecuting war criminals. To facilitate the utilization of this legal assistance, PILPG also provides policy formulation advice and training on matters related to conflict resolution.
PILPG’s Law Fellows Program
(http://publicinternationallawandpolicygroup.org/about/law-fellows-2/)
Provides an opportunity for early-career lawyers to spend six months to one year working in PILPG’s Washington, DC or overseas offices. Law Fellows gain experience in the field of public international law by providing pro bono legal services to PILPG’s clients throughout the world.

- **Open Society Foundations (OSF)**
  **The Aryeh Neier Open Society Justice Initiative Fellowships**
  (http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/aryeh-neier-fellowship-program)
  Offers a two-year program of practical work experience designed to expand a network of lawyers and advocates working internationally on human rights issue. In 2014, four (4) fellowships will be awarded. During the first year, each fellow will work with the staff of the Open Society Justice Initiative in New York, London, or Budapest on selected litigation, research and documentation, advocacy, and/or pilot projects designed to enhance accessibility, fairness, and effectiveness of justice services.
  During the second year, each fellow will be based full-time with a partner organization in Africa, Asia, Europe, or Latin America to support our efforts with that organization.
  Applicants should indicate their preferred geographic placement. We can generally accommodate placement in London only for those applicants who already are eligible to live and work in the United Kingdom.

**The Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) and the Central European University – Justice Initiative Fellowship Program**
(http://legal.ceu.hu/OSJI_Fellowship_Program)
Launched in 2001, the program allows to pursue a two-year program of study and practical work experience. Applicants from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, Middle East and Central/South America are eligible to participate in the program. The Open Society Justice Initiative runs the program in partnership with the Legal Studies Department of the Central European University.
Justice Initiative Fellows are nominated by NGOs from their home countries and reside for one year in Budapest, Hungary, where they undertake a degree program (MA or LL.M. in Human Rights) at the CEU Legal Studies Department. During their stay, Fellows participate in a three-month internship with a leading European NGO. The second year of the fellowship is devoted to work in the home country with the nominating NGO.

7. **National Democratic Institute**  (https://www.ndi.org/)
   A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to support and strengthen democratic institutions world wide through citizen participation, openness and accountability in government. We believe that knowledge and understanding
encourage wiser public policy and enlightened private involvement, whether in government, activism, education, journalism, development, arts or business.


Fosters understanding of the world by immersing promising individuals in the study of a country, region, or globally important issue and by sharing the benefits of their knowledge with society. Fellows of our program receive an extraordinary opportunity to explore their study topic firsthand in great depth over an extended period in a country or region principally outside the United States, while developing writing and communication skills. We disseminate the knowledge they gain to a broader public, and encourage Fellows to share and use the understanding they acquire throughout their professional lives. Our aim is to contribute to the development of informed leaders.

**ICWA Fellowship Program** ([http://www.icwa.org/FellowshipProgram.htm](http://www.icwa.org/FellowshipProgram.htm))

The ICWA fellowship program aims to nurture deep expertise in foreign countries and cultures by supporting a Fellow who carries out a program of self-designed, independent study abroad for a minimum of two years. We do not support degree programs at universities. Candidates are encouraged to browse the ICWA archives on this website to see the kind of projects that the Institute had previously supported.

E. Exchanges

1. Practice oriented
2. Research oriented
3. Student/Scholar Exchanges that promote mutual understanding

**Rotary** ([https://www.rotary.org/](https://www.rotary.org/))

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world’s first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history—we’ve been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:

- **We’re truly international.** Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we’re working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world’s most challenging problems.
- **We persevere in tough times.** During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war’s end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.
- **Our commitment to service is ongoing.** We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2012, only three countries remain polio-endemic—down from 125 in 1988.

Are you looking to make a significant impact on the world by promoting tolerance and cooperation? Each year, Rotary funds some of the world’s most dedicated and brightest professionals to study at our Rotary Peace Centers. These fellows are committed to the advancement of peace, and often go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations such as the United Nations and World Bank. Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses. Two types of peace fellowships are available.

We offer master’s degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. Programs last 15–24 months and require a practical internship of 2–3 months during the academic break. Each year we award up to 50 master’s fellowships from these institutions: Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US; International Christian University, Japan; University of Bradford, UK; University of Queensland, Australia; Uppsala University, Sweden. For those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields, we offer a 3-month program in peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This program incorporates 2–3 weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.

F. US Federal Government – Honors Program Opportunities
   1. US State Department
   2. DOJ
   3. USAID
   4. International Affairs Bureaus
   5. PMF

G. Domestic Fellowships that offer international options
   1. Human Rights Watch (http://www.hrw.org/)
      Human Rights Watch defends the rights of people worldwide. We scrupulously investigate abuses, expose the facts widely, and pressure those with power to respect rights and secure justice. Human Rights Watch is an independent, international organization that works as part of a vibrant movement to uphold human dignity and advance the cause of human rights for all.
      Alan R. and Barbara D. Finberg Fellowship (http://www.hrw.org/about/fellowships)
      Established in memory of Alan R. and Barbara D. Finberg, early supporters of Human Rights Watch (“HRW”), this fellowship is open to recent graduates (at the Master's level) in the fields of law, journalism, international relations, or
other relevant studies. Graduates with LL.B. degrees or advanced degrees in other relevant disciplines may also be considered. Fellows typically work full-time in Human Rights Watch’s New York or Washington, D.C. office or in some instances in another location. The Finberg Fellows work full-time for one year with Human Rights Watch. Fellows monitor human rights developments in various countries, conduct on-site investigations, draft reports on human rights conditions, and engage in advocacy and media outreach aimed at publicizing and curtailing human rights violations. Past fellows have conducted research and advocacy on numerous different issues in countries all over the world. Recent examples include projects on: police corruption and access to justice in Liberia; accessibility for people with disabilities in Russia; youth in solitary confinement in US prisons; hazardous child labor in artisanal gold mining in Tanzania; police abuse of gay men in Kyrgyzstan.

2. **Center for Constitutional Rights** ([http://ccrjustice.org/](http://ccrjustice.org/))
The Center for Constitutional Rights is dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South, CCR is a non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change.

**Bertha Fellowship** ([http://www.ccrjustice.org/2014-fellowship-application](http://www.ccrjustice.org/2014-fellowship-application))
The Bertha Fellowship is for emerging lawyers (0-2 years out of law school) who are interested in gaining both practical experience working on CCR cases and a theoretical understanding of how legal advocacy can create social change. CCR will host three Bertha Fellows, starting in September 2014, one in each of our docket areas: (1) Guantanamo Global Justice Initiative; (2) Government Misconduct/Racial Justice; and (3) International Human Rights. Fellows will work alongside attorneys in each of these docket areas. The Bertha Fellowship at CCR is sponsored by the Bertha Foundation, which hosts emerging lawyers at several legal organizations across the world. In addition to gaining legal experience on CCR cases, Bertha Fellows at CCR will have opportunities to (1) attend regional and international meetings, (2) network with lawyers from around the world, and (3) receive additional mentoring and non-traditional training such as leadership, management, media and advocacy, activism and movement building.

Echoing Green Fellowship Programs continue to be Echoing Green’s cornerstone, providing seed funding to social entrepreneurs launching bold new organizations to generate positive systemic change. We believe investing in and supporting the right people relative to the right ideas and ability to execute, rather than specific business plans, results in a lifetime of leadership. Echoing Green has invested over $33 million in seed-stage funding and strategic assistance in nearly 600 world-class leaders driving positive social change around the globe. Echoing Green Fellows include the
founders of Teach For America, City Year, College Summit, Citizen Schools, One Acre Fund, and SKS Microfinance. We continue to support our Fellow community long after their initial funding period with ongoing programs and opportunities at critical inflection points in their organizations or careers.

**Global Fellowship** ([http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship/global-fellowship](http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship/global-fellowship))

The Global Fellowship is our twenty-five year-old program for smart young leaders who are deeply connected to the needs and potential solutions that may work best for their communities. Any emerging social entrepreneur from any part of the world working to disrupt the status quo may apply. Our 2012 and 2013 Fellows are currently working to improve communities in a dozen countries around the world. The 2014 Global Fellowship will be awarded to individuals or partners representing up to twenty-two organizations. (This fellowship established Earth Rights International, One Acre Fund, and Reprieve)

4. **Repirove** – offices in NY & FL

5. **The Open Society Foundation (OSF)**


   Awarded yearly to recent JD, LLM, MPA, MPP, and MBA graduates from accredited U.S. public policy, and business schools. Based in New York City, fellows pursue work related to human rights, good governance, and justice through a one-year residence within the Office of the President at the Open Society Foundations. Fellows will work with staff, grantees, and other fellows on special initiatives that address the legal, business, policy, and organizational issues confronted by the Foundations’ various programs and projects. They will gain exposure and connections to the Open Society Foundations’ leadership and partner organizations, and cultivate knowledge about open society strategies.

   The term of the Open Society Presidential Fellowship is 11 months. The 2014 fellowship will commence in September 2014 with the term ending in July 2015. Fellows will receive a salary of $60,000 plus benefits.


   Possible to propose projects in either London or Paris (lobbying now to also include Frankfurt and Hong Kong).

7. **Center for Reproductive Rights** ([www.reproductiverights.org](http://www.reproductiverights.org))


9. **Bridge Fellowship Funding:**

   - **United Nations**

   Minority Rights Group International campaigns worldwide with around 130 partners in over 60 countries to ensure that disadvantaged minorities
and indigenous peoples, often the poorest of the poor, can make their voices heard. Through training and education, legal cases, publications and the media, we support minority and indigenous people as they strive to maintain their rights to the land they live on, the languages they speak, to equal opportunities in education and employment, and to full participation in public life.

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) exists to promote the rights of minorities and promote cooperation between communities. Provide new skills and perspectives to our work. We recruit volunteers for a minimum time period of 8 weeks full time or 3 to 6 months part time. Volunteers provide invaluable support to our work. We do not accept speculative applications. When volunteer positions are available they will be advertised on the jobs page of our website. Applicants are required to follow the application instruction on the advertisement. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a short interview.

2. **Practical advice on how best to prepare our students to apply:**
   A. **Coursework**
      1. Cross register for courses in other graduate divisions/disciplines
   B. **Independent Study**
   C. **Language skills**
      1. Cross register within university for language courses.
      2. Take a language intensive training course during a semester break and/or summer.
      3. Adult Education evening courses at night.
   D. **Cultural competency**
   E. **Clinical training**
   F. **Summer Opportunities**
      1. Start early if seeking overseas experience.
      2. Split summers to gain overseas experience.
      3. Be clear about specifics of legal work that you will do, as well as supervision.
      4. Study abroad programs.
   G. **Journal Experience/Academic Writing Samples**
   H. **Pro Bono/Volunteer Work**
      1. Alternative break service trips
3. **Concrete tips on counseling applicants through the process of preparing winning resumes, essays, and interviews:**

   A. **Resumes**
      1. Highlight all foreign experience, legal and otherwise
      2. No abbreviations of place names or dates.
      3. Detailed descriptions of degrees (with equivalencies provided, if known)
      4. May need to translate resume into another language.

   B. **References**
      1. Students receiving international recommendations in a foreign language.
      2. Other countries have different styles of recommendations. Some are very short and matter of fact. There may need to be coaching for “American style” recommendations, or alternatively, American recommendation writers may need to be coached on appropriate style and length of recommendations for a foreign audience.

   C. **Interviews**
      1. Skype – coaching on technical aspects (sound, lighting, eye contact, background setting, size and angle of face in field of screen).