CHRC Overview

Children suffer human rights abuses disproportionately due to their age and developmental capacity. It is estimated that over 20 million people are trafficked for labor or sexual exploitation throughout the world, including the United States, with women and children comprising the majority of victims. Climate change and environmental toxins have disproportionate health impacts on children, which include poor health outcomes and learning disabilities. Children are increasingly displaced from their homes by violence, crime, parental incapacity, discrimination, conflict, and environmental disaster, among other reasons.

Recognizing that children require special protections due to their vulnerabilities, Loyola established the Center for the Human Rights of Children (CHRC) in 2007 to pursue an agenda of interdisciplinary research, outreach and education, and advocacy to address critical and complex issues affecting children and youth, both locally and globally. CHRC applies a human rights approach to the problems affecting children, reaffirming that the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all people is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. Moreover, it does so with respect for the rights and responsibilities of parents, teachers and other caregivers entrusted with raising children.

While CHRC spearheads and supports numerous projects that work to advance the human rights of children, we have identified these three categories of local-global contemporary children’s rights issues where we can be most effective. These singular issues are also often interrelated, and represent areas that build on current Center expertise, programming and resources. The three categories are:

- Child trafficking and exploitation
- The impact of environmental toxins on children’s health
- Children and youth navigating systems alone

Program Overview

Description

The Children’s Rights Law Student Scholars program is an academic year-long internship opportunity with the CHRC. This competitive scholarship program provides a Loyola University Chicago Law School student with $7,500 in tuition remission for the academic year and an internship opportunity (12-15 hours per week) at the CHRC.
The program provides an academic opportunity for graduate-level students to be trained in research and advocacy that promotes the human rights of children. Scholars will become familiar with current children’s rights policies and laws, issues, and develop and identify strategies to ensure the protection of children.

**Position Summary**
The Children’s Rights Law Student Scholar will work closely with CHRC staff and partners who are engaged in projects that address critical and complex issues affecting children both locally and globally. Through professional development and project-based learning opportunities, the scholar will develop foundational knowledge about key issues facing children today while developing essential skills for their future career. In addition to working on a CHRC research project, scholars may gain experience in other areas that will provide scholars with the practical skills necessary for working in a variety of environments. These opportunities may include the following: conducting community outreach and education, social media, communications, and event planning. CHRC staff will strive to tailor the scholar’s experience to their professional goals and interests.

**Required Documents**
- Resume/CV
- Cover Letter
- Two References; academic or professional
- Writing Sample (no more than 15 pages)
- Personal Essay (see below)

**Application Deadline: March 13, 2020**
Please submit all applications to chrc@luc.edu. Subject line should state “2020-2021 CHRC Law Student Scholars Application”

If you have any questions regarding the program or application process, please contact Katherine Kaufka Walts CHRC Director, at kkaufkawalts@luc.edu.
# CHILDREN’S RIGHTS LAW STUDENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM
## 2020-2021

**Application Form**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: 
Address: 
Unit:  
City: 
State:  
Zip Code:  
Preferred Contact 
☐ Email 
☐ Phone

## AREA OF INTEREST WITHIN THE CENTER’S CURRENT INITIATIVES (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Child Trafficking and Exploitation  
☐ Impact of Environmental Toxins on Children’s Health  
☐ Children and Youth Navigating Systems Alone

## EDUCATION HISTORY

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Please provide a brief explanation (200-300 words) for why you want to join the scholars program and something unique you will bring to the Center’s work.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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February 11, 2020