Law Foundation Human Rights Internship
– Information and Guidelines

Introduction

The Law Foundation provides funding for a joint Human Rights Internship Programme which is administered by the Law Schools at the University of Adelaide and The Flinders University of South Australia.

The Scholarship Programme allows students to develop strong links with the human rights community both nationally and internationally. There are a significant number of students that either enter law school with a desire to contribute to the community or who develop an interest in social justice during their studies. The *Law Foundation's Human Rights Internship* programme allows students to gain practical experience in the broader field of human rights promotion and protection.

Guidelines

1.   In April each year the Law Foundation will communicate to each Law School the amount of funding for the scholarships. Each Law School will subsequently be forwarded half of this amount and then provide the Law Foundation with a tax invoice so that the Law Foundation may secure its entitlement to input tax credits on GST liability incurred in connection with the programme.

2.   In May each year each Law School will begin to advertise the scholarships via a Law School website and set an application deadline for the end of October that year. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled at either Law School, have studied a course on Human Rights Law, Public International Law, or International Criminal Law or International Humanitarian Law, and received an acceptance from their internship organisation before making their application.

3.   In early November each year the applications will be considered by a sub-committee composed of one member of each Law School and a member of the Law Foundation (or their nominee) based on an agreed-upon criteria (see proposed criteria below) followed by an interview. Academic members of this subcommittee will then advise all applicants as to whether they have been successful. Where there are an insufficient number of applicants at one Law School, the Fellowship will be readvertised by that Law School in February the following year and the subcommittee will consider these applications.

4.   The scholarship winners will have 12 months from this time to complete their internship. Any variation to this will require the approval of both the academic staff member of the responsible University and the Law Foundation representative on the selection Committee.

5.   Once the successful scholarship winners have been advised of the outcome, each Law School will transfer the scholarship funds to the winners and notify the Law Foundation of the names of the scholarship winners and the location of their internship.

6.   Upon the completion of their internships, the scholarship winners will submit, via their Law School staff member, the following reports: (i) a written report to the Law Foundation explaining the work they have undertaken during the course of their internship, and; (ii) a report to the Law Society Bulletin (along with a photo) aimed at informing and engaging the legal community about their internship experience and the role of human rights law.

7.   Within six months of completing their internships, each scholarship winner will submit a brief report, via their Law School staff member, explaining how they have shared their internship experience with the South Australian community.

8.   The proposed criteria for selection is as follows:

   i.   Quality of the application
   ii.   Demonstrated interest or prior experience in human rights activities whether through law or non-law
   iii. Employment
   iv.   Extra-curricular or volunteer activities and relevant courses
   v.   Academic achievement (Grade Point Average in Law and any second degree)
   vi.   Language abilities (where applicable).
   vii. Programmes for a duration of a minimum of four weeks
   viii. Financial need
   ix.   An outline of how they propose to share their internship experience with the South Australian community upon completion of the internship