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HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE'S

DOUGLASS FELLOWSHIP

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Douglass Fellowship Program Overview

Inspired by Frederick Douglass's commitment to freedom, education, and advocacy, the Human Trafficking Institute (Institute) provides an opportunity for second and third year law students to participate in a 9-month fellowship program focused on developing future leaders in the anti-human trafficking movement and providing resources to those currently combatting human trafficking around the globe.

Fellowship Term

Douglass Fellows (Fellows) will serve from September through May each academic year.

Program Components

1. **Research & Writing**

Fellows will have the opportunity to support the Institute's research efforts to provide clear, data-driven materials for scholars and criminal justice practitioners engaged in combatting human trafficking.

Some of the projects include: working on amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court or Circuit Courts of Appeal in cases impacting human trafficking law; researching current trends in human trafficking law; assisting in the research and publication of an annual Federal Human Trafficking Report on the current state of human trafficking cases in the United States; analyzing successful models of human trafficking enforcement; researching methods for measuring prevalence; and, analyzing and compiling human trafficking statistics.

The Institute will work with each Fellow on the development and placement of a publishable piece of scholarship or advocacy. These writing projects can range from law review or journal articles to an Op-Ed piece. The Institute will assist Fellows interested in receiving credit from their home academic institution by providing necessary materials as needed.

2. **Mentorship**

To encourage each Fellow's personal research goals and career objectives, the Institute will pair each Fellow with a mentor who currently works in the anti-trafficking sector. Mentors will come from different components of the anti-trafficking sector, ranging from those leading anti-trafficking NGOs, prosecution units, law enforcement units, victim service providers, and government offices. 2017-18

mentors included leaders from the FBI, the Justice Department, the State Department's Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons, the Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center, and several distinguished anti-trafficking NGOs. Where possible, mentorship matches will be made based on the Fellow's articulated interests. Mentors will make themselves available at least six times during the fellowship year to provide in-depth guidance, insight, and counsel to the Fellow.

3. Advocacy

Recognizing the importance of advocacy, each Fellow will coordinate an Institute event at their educational institution (Advocacy Event). The Fellow and the Institute will work together on the agenda, target audience, and speakers for the Advocacy Event. The goal of each Advocacy Event is to raise awareness about human trafficking, provide accurate and compelling information to the community, and inspire others to work to decimate the prevalence of human trafficking.

Fellowship Time Commitment and Calendar

1. Orientation

On September 13-14, 2018, the Fellows will gather with the Institute Team for a two-day orientation in the metro-Washington, D.C. area. During this orientation, the Fellows will receive an overview of the human trafficking landscape, the Institute's work, current research projects, as well as instructions about workflow and logistics. The Institute will cover the cost of travel and accommodations for the two-day orientation.

2. Research

Each Fellow is expected to provide approximately ten (10) hours a week on Institute research projects. Institute Team Members will work with each Fellow to tailor the research projects to their interests and work with them regarding their class schedules. Fellows will participate in a bi-weekly conference call with the Institute's Associate Legal Counsel, about their progress, challenges, and updates.

3. Advocacy

The time commitment surrounding the Fellows' advocacy event will vary.

Douglass Fellow Stipend

The Institute will work with the Fellow's educational institution and other entities to secure a \$4,000 stipend to support the Fellow's work and expenses to participate in the program.

International Travel Possibilities

Subject to each Fellow's interests and the Institute's needs, it may be possible for one or more Fellows to travel to one of the Institute's country projects.

Fellowship Selection Process

To apply to the Douglass Fellowship program, please submit the following application materials by Friday, April 13th, at 5:00pm EST:

1. Cover letter;
2. Resume;
3. Law school transcript; and
4. A 500 or less word essay discussing the context and impact of the following quote:

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” Nelson Mandela

The Institute will assess applicants based on academic achievement; leadership potential; research and writing ability; and demonstrated commitment to human rights and anti-trafficking efforts. Applications should be sent electronically to: douglassfellowship@traffickinginstitute.org. Please use the subject line of “2018-19 Douglass Fellowship Application.”

For more information about the fellowship, please contact:

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