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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 an 8-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 for an academic year, from September 2019 through April 2020.

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 the 2019 Federal Human Trafficking Report; 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.

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. Previous mentors include leaders from the FBI, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of State's

Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in Persons, the Human Trafficking Legal Center, and several distinguished anti-trafficking NGOs. The Institute will take each fellow's particular interests into consideration when determining mentorship matches. Mentors commit to making themselves available – by phone or in person – at least six times during the fellowship year to provide in-depth guidance, insight, and counsel to the Fellow.

3. Advocacy

Recognizing that advocacy is an essential tool in the fight against human trafficking, as well as a foundational skill for successful attorneys, each Fellow will host an Advocacy Event at their educational institution 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. The Fellow, with the support of the Institute, will set the agenda, determine the target audience, and coordinate speakers for the Advocacy Event.

Fellowship Time Commitment and Calendar

1. Orientation

On September 5-6, 2019, 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 legal 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. Attendance at orientation is required to participate in the Fellowship.

2. Research

Each Fellow is expected to work an average of ten (10) hours a week on Institute research projects. Institute Team Members will coordinate 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 to discuss their progress, challenges, and updates.

3. Advocacy

The time commitment surrounding the Fellows' Advocacy Event will vary.

4. Finale

On Thursday, April 16, 2020, the Fellows will gather with the Institute Team in Washington, D.C. for a one-day Finale Event to celebrate the conclusion of the Fellowship and highlight the Fellows' accomplishments over the year. The Institute will cover the cost of travel and accommodations for the Finale.

Douglass Fellow Stipend

The Institute will provide a \$4,000 stipend to support the Fellow's work and expenses to participate in the program. The stipend will be disbursed in two payments: one in September of 2019 and one in January of 2020.

Academic Credit

The Institute will assist Fellows interested in receiving credit from their home academic institution by providing necessary materials and submitting required performance evaluations throughout the Fellowship.

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, please submit the following application materials, compiled in one PDF document, by Thursday, April 18th, at 5:00pm EST:

1. Cover letter;
2. Resume;
3. Law school transcript;
4. Academic letter of recommendation (1); and
5. An essay providing context about the following quote and its connection to the anti-trafficking movement:

“With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.”
Thomas Fowell Buxton

The essay should be 500 – 800 words in length, include at least 3 citations (bluebook format), and consider questions such as, but not limited to: *Where in the world was this said? What was happening in the world at that time? Why was this significant? What led Buxton to say this? How is this relevant to today’s efforts to combat human trafficking?*

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 “2019-20 Douglass Fellowship Application.”

For more information about the Douglass Fellowship, please contact:

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