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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 August 2020 through April 2021.

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 2020 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.

Elective Advocacy Event

The Institute recognizes that advocacy is an essential tool in the fight against human trafficking, as well as a foundational skill for successful attorneys. As such, Fellows are invited to submit proposals to host an Advocacy Event at their educational institution or in their community 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. To qualify for this elective opportunity, Fellows must submit a comprehensive proposal in July 2020, detailing the Advocacy Event topic, agenda, speakers, and targeted audience. Upon acceptance, the Institute will assist the Fellow in coordinating the Advocacy Event, inviting speakers, and securing funding.

Fellowship Time Commitment and Calendar

1. Orientation

On August 27-28, 2020, 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. In addition to the stipend (see below), 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.

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 over the course of the Fellowship in eight monthly payments of \$500.

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. Please indicate in your application whether you intend to seek academic credit for participation in 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 Sunday, May 3rd, at 11:59pm EST:

1. Cover letter;
2. Resume;
3. Law school transcript;
4. Two professional or academic references, including one reference from a legal research or writing professor;
5. Indication of whether you plan to seek academic credit for participation in the Fellowship; and
6. An essay providing context about the following quote and its connection to the anti-trafficking movement:

“What is freedom? Is it the right to choose one’s own employment. Certainly it means that, if it means anything; and when any individual or combination of individuals undertakes to decide for any man when he shall work, where he shall work, at what he shall work, and for what he shall work, he or they practically reduce him to slavery. He is a slave.” Frederick Douglass

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? To whom was it said? What was happening in the world at that time? Why was this significant? What led Douglass 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 “2020-21 Douglass Fellowship Application.”

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