CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Scholarship for the 2018 Legal Training Program

Deadline for submission: 28 January 2018

The Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung scholarship for ECCHR’s Legal Training Program offers young people with limited financial means and/or from underrepresented geographic and social backgrounds the chance to gain professional experience in human rights work.

This is the third call for scholarship applications from ECCHR and the Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung. In the first two rounds of applications scholarships were awarded to 11 candidates from Australia, Costa Rica, Germany, Germany/Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, India, Italy, Kenya, Pakistan and Romania/Moldova. We have found our work together to be a very enriching experience, and we look forward to the next round of applications.

Who can apply?

The call for applications is aimed at students and young professionals (max one year after graduation) who wish to apply for ECCHR’s Legal Training Program but whose personal and financial situation would make it impossible to participate on an unpaid basis. If this does not reflect your situation, we would ask you to refrain from applying for this scholarship.

The scholarship is open to all nationalities. For non-EU citizens the final acceptance is dependent on the issuance of the appropriate visa.

We expressly encourage applications from candidates from the Global South as well as refugees and others with a migration background. For refugees there is flexibility regarding the requirement that applicants must have graduated in the past year.

What form does the scholarship take?

Duration: Scholarships are generally granted for a five-month full-time internship (40 hours per week).

Starting dates: Starting dates can be arranged between 1 May and 1 December 2018. Please note the application deadline. The International Crimes and Accountability Program welcome in particular applications from candidates available to start in May 2018.

Payment: ECCHR hires scholarship holders as interns who are employed through ECCHR and receive a gross monthly wage of €1,550 (minus tax and social security deductions).

For scholarship holders the Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung will also cover return travel costs from the place of residence to Berlin up to €1,500 and any visa costs that arise.
Accommodation: We cannot provide accommodation but are happy to give some advice on finding accommodation in Berlin.

Scholarship sponsor: The Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung is offering five scholarships for this round of applications. Scholarship holders will also be in contact with the Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung and will keep them updated on their experience with ECCHR.

What are the professional requirements?

Applicants should have the following knowledge and experience:

Education: Ongoing or completed degree in law and/or another relevant subject area. Applicants may set out the relevance of their education history in more detail in their letter of motivation.

Knowledge: All applicants should have a fundamental understanding of human rights and some experience in dealing with human rights topics. Program-specific background knowledge is also important:

- Business and Human Rights: Good knowledge of international debates on the topic of business and human rights and of legal action against companies on a national level.

- International Crimes and Accountability: Good understanding of international criminal law (incl. extraterritorial cases at national level) as well as the current legal and political debates on international criminal jurisdiction. Background knowledge of sexualized violence in international criminal law is a plus.

- Migration: Good knowledge of European and public international law as well as the relevant fundamentals of refugee law, ideally also practical experience in migration law or refugee protection.

Languages: Excellent written and spoken English is required. German language skills are desirable but not required for the Legal Training Program. Other languages are a plus (e.g. Spanish, Arabic, Russian and French – depending on current projects).

How to apply?

The scholarship application should be submitted along with the application for participation in the Legal Training Program.

To apply please e-mail the following documents as PDFs:

1. ECCHR application form including letter of motivation, case analysis and scholarship application (download from our website) with the file name LastName_application

2. CV with the file name LastName_CV
Applications should include only these required documents and no further transcripts, references or work samples.

Applications can be submitted in German or English; no advantage or disadvantage arises from the choice of language. Applications in other languages cannot be processed.

Please send completed applications to: application@ecchr.eu

**What are the application deadlines?**

The next deadline for applications is **28 January 2018**.

You can expect a response within six weeks.

Interviews will likely be held by telephone/skype towards the end of February.

Future calls for applications will be announced on our website and in our newsletter.

*Please note that for applicants from outside the EU we require a period of at least 10 weeks between acceptance into the program and the start of the internship to make the necessary formal arrangements.*

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