

Summer Internship - International Human Rights Development

The Centre for Law and Democracy, an international human rights organization based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is receiving applications for up to four interns for Summer 2017. The positions will involve a range of substantive legal tasks mostly in the areas of freedom of expression, digital rights and the right to information.

The Centre for Law and Democracy provides expert legal services on foundational rights for democracy, to support and promote these rights around the world. As a sense of the type of work that we do, our current projects include:

- Supporting Myanmar's democratic transition, including by fostering the development of a robust and independent media sector and the drafting of new laws governing broadcasting, digital speech and the press.
- Working to promote human rights with the League of Arab States, including by boosting civil society engagement with that body.
- Supporting the implementation of transparency legislation in Jordan, including by carrying out targeted trainings of officials delegated with overseeing these laws.
- Engaging with multistakeholder partnerships such as the Governance Data Alliance and the Open Government Partnership to promote open access to information.
- Working to improve respect for freedom of expression and user privacy among major tech companies.
- Providing expert input into law reform processes in a range of countries, including Tanzania, Pakistan, Indonesia and Mongolia.
- Boosting transparency and civil society engagement at ICANN, which oversees critical global Internet functions.
- Campaigning against global threats to digital rights, such as mass surveillance, Internet shutdowns and efforts to undermine encryption and digital security.

The internship will be full-time from May until the end of August, and will be located in Halifax. Although the position is unpaid, this internship is a good opportunity to gain practical human rights experience, and students should expect that their work will be directly involved in advancing the cause of human rights in a range of countries. For more information on our organization's work, you can visit our website at www.law-democracy.org.

Those interested in applying should send a copy of their CV, cover letter and transcripts

to Michael Karanicolas: michael@law-democracy.org, by 27 January 2017. The successful candidate will have a strong academic record, excellent research skills, the ability to multi-task, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice and human rights. Languages and regional knowledge are an asset.

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