

Internship

The African Court Research Initiative (ACRI)

Position: Research Intern

Status: Part-Time (20 hours per week/2.5 days)

Duration: September 1st, 2016 – December 1st, 2016

Internship Stipend: USD \$1000

Affiliation Location: African-based educational institution

Sponsor: African Court Research Initiative (ACRI)

Deadline: August 1, 2016

• **Internship Description**

The African Court Research Initiative (ACRI) is sponsoring an internship project during Fall 2016 related to international criminal law and justice. Applications are currently being accepted for the position of *Research Intern* to work on an Open Society Initiative project. The key focus of the project will be on the African Union's June 2014 protocol ("Malabo Protocol") conferring criminal, human rights and general jurisdiction on the *African Court of Justice and Human and People's Rights* and its international legal, historical, political and social framework.

Interns will work under the supervision and guidance of Professors Kamari Clarke and Charles Jalloh, and in collaboration with other research team members at Florida International University faculty of law, Carleton University, and partners at the African Union. The internship will provide participants an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of legal and political developments related to the rise of the rule of law (international criminal law). Interns will develop research skills and knowledge of the workings of international law that will better prepare them for future studies and eventual employment. It is expected that assignments will be submitted by Email, and occasional Skype sessions will be conducted to discuss research findings.

• **Duties**

The intern's role is to procure research findings to aid in achieving the objectives of the ACRI project and contribute to team research outputs. Planned outputs include a book compilation and papers for two international meetings. Duties include helping to answer research questions by conducting research, working with a team of researchers, debriefing with team members, and participating in team meetings.

- **Eligibility, Requirements, and Experience**

To participate, candidates must be:

- (1) A current university student studying law (with a focus on international law, criminal law, human rights law, or international public law).
- (2) The student must be registered at an African Law School.
- (3) Have excellent research, analytical and writing skills. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to work with an international team of researchers with diverse legal and social scientific backgrounds.
- (4) Proven ability to work well under pressure and meet strict deadlines; excellent organizational skills; experience in working with a computer and software programs such as MS Word, and ability to work with and conduct research on search engines, databases (possibly Westlaw, Lexis, ProQuest, HeinOnline) and other legal research applications.
- (5) Ability to work in English environment (French competence is an asset).

- **Application Guidelines**

By August 1, 2016 at 5 pm EST, please send via email attachment the following three sets of items:

- (1) A one-page cover letter stating your interest in the position and how it will help to shape your future goals. Please include in your cover letter one name of a work reference with contact details (email, mailing address, phone number).
- (2) Full resume/CV.
- (3) A copy of your university transcript (unofficial copy is fine). Send to Professor Kamari Clarke at Kamari.clarke@carleton.ca and Professor Charles Jalloh at jallohc@gmail.com.

All applications will be acknowledged, although only a small group of candidates will be call back for an interview.