

CENTER FOR GENDER & REFUGEE STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

Teaching Fellowship in the Refugee and Human Rights Law Clinic at U.C. Hastings, with Joint Placement at the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

The Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS) is seeking applications for the Teaching Fellowship in Refugee and Human Rights Law, a two-year position beginning on June 1, 2010. The Fellowship is designed for lawyers with at least three years of practice experience who are interested in preparing for a career in law school clinical teaching, as well as being engaged in the cutting edge legal work of CGRS.

The 2010-2012 Fellow will co-teach the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. The Clinic exposes students to the related fields of refugee and international human rights, and to the varied strategies undertaken in these substantive areas. In the refugee area, students represent clients in individual proceedings, and may also engage in litigation or policy work. In the international human rights area, students engage in fact-finding, draft human rights reports, or participate in advocacy at regional human rights bodies, such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, or at inter-governmental bodies, such as the United Nations. The Fellow will work closely with clinic faculty, sharing responsibility for designing and teaching clinic classes, selecting and supervising law students, and other related matters.

The Fellow will have significant involvement and responsibilities with CGRS on the full range of its national policy, appellate and advocacy work on behalf of women seeking asylum from gender persecution. The Center works to advance women's human rights by focusing on gender-based asylum law and broader migration policies, both in the U.S. and internationally. For more information on CGRS, see <http://cgrs.uchastings.edu/>.

CGRS is based at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, which houses one of the largest clinical programs on the West Coast. The law school has demonstrated a strong commitment to clinical education, with 20 clinical faculty and clinical offerings including the Civil Justice Clinic (which operates in-house clinics in Individual Representation, Community Economic Development, Group Advocacy and Systemic Reform, and Mediation), and outplacement clinics in Criminal Practice, Environmental Law, Immigrants' Rights, Legislation, Local Government Law, and Workers' Rights.

Applicants must have:

1. A minimum of three years practice experience in refugee law, and substantial exposure to international human rights law;
2. Exceptional written and oral communication skills;
3. A strong academic record;
4. Experience with supervising or mentoring students or colleagues in a legal setting; and
5. The ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Bar admission required.

Fellows receive excellent University of California health benefits, and access to law school facilities. Working on one's own scholarship is supported and encouraged. Salary range is \$46,000-\$50,000.

To apply, please send a resume, an official or unofficial law school transcript, a writing sample, and a statement of interest (maximum length five pages). The statement of interest should address: a) why you are interested in this fellowship; b) what you consider to be your strengths, and strongest potential contributions to the Clinic and to CGRS, c) your experience with asylum and other immigration cases, as well as any experience with international human rights law; and d) anything else you consider relevant. All applications must be received by January 15, 2010, and addressed to:

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If applying by email, please put "Refugee and Human Rights Teaching Fellowship" as the subject of the email and ensure that your last name is included in the filename of all attachments.