Graduate Research Assistant Position Opening (Law)  
Fall 2020

Position Description

Department: Social Work, Public Health  
Job Title: Graduate Research Assistant  
Compensation: $13.80/hr (JD student); $15.00/hr (PhD student)  
Commitment: 10-15 hours per week, fall semester 2020

Position Summary

Washington University’s new Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks a law student for a research assistantship during the fall of 2020. The work for this position will be conducted remotely.

The position is open to current law students at Washington University’s School of Law. The student will provide legal research assistance and possible interview support to the Center Director on a project concerning the impact of COVID-19 on rates of intimate partner violence in three cities: Kampala (Uganda), Santiago (Chile), St. Louis (United States).

The project will improve understanding of the relationship between COVID-19 and intimate partner violence (IPV) through a 3-city comparison of developments in St. Louis, Kampala (Uganda), and Santiago (Chile). The project will collate existing data related to IPV and COVID-19 in each city, illuminating it with insights from service providers about trends in IPV rates and reported causes during the pandemic. Project results will inform both academic scholarship and recommendations to policymakers and practitioners.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Desk research: Conduct background research related to IPV and COVID-19 in the three cities (Kampala, Santiago, St. Louis); collect existing data including police reports, court records, and calls to hotlines and service providers; draft relevant research memos and analytical briefs as requested by Center Director.

2. Qualitative data collection and analysis: Support with remote qualitative data collection, transcription, and coding as relevant to the project (eg, interview participation via Zoom, transcribing interviews, translating data into English, data storage, data coding); assist in data analysis and write-ups as assigned.
Minimum Experience / Requirements

- In-progress JD or PhD degree
- Excellent research and writing skills (e.g., researching police and court records)
- Qualitative research experience, such as interviewing, data collection and coding, transcription, and/or data translation
- Excellent communication skills
- Highly organized with uncompromising attention to detail
- Demonstrated experience with cross-cultural competence and working with partners from diverse backgrounds
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office required
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interest in human rights, gender, and migration issues, especially as they pertain to the project

Preferred Experience

- Fluency in Spanish a plus
- Knowledge of intimate partner violence and response services in St. Louis
- Experience writing and editing qualitative research reports, essays, or other types of academic writing
- Experience writing policy briefs, blogs, or other materials that make academic research accessible to a wider audience
- Experience with social media and outreach / dissemination of published material
- Knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and/or InDesign a plus

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter (including name of one Law School faculty reference), resume, unofficial transcript, and academic writing sample (please select no more than a 5-page piece or extract) to: centerforhumanrights@wustl.edu. Applications due August 20, 2020 at 11:59pm.