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 and Lead Researcher on a pilot project concerning access to international protection in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

The project’s aims are to strengthen access to international protection in the MENA region by a.) examining refugees’ disclosure and access barriers and b.) exploring practitioner and outreach strategies in 3 countries: Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Desk research: Conduct background research on the three case study countries (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) and regional dynamics, including country conditions (origin, transit, destination countries), law and policy frameworks, trafficking and international protection concerns, trends in mixed migration, and service provider networks; draft relevant research memos and analytical briefs as requested by Center Director and Center Manager.

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 legal research and writing skills (eg, country conditions research)
- 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 Arabic highly desired. Fluency in French also an asset
- Knowledge of refugee and migration issues in the Middle East and North Africa
- 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
- Experience with service provision mapping and/or mapping software highly desired
- Knowledge of Adobe Illustrator 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.