Brown Student Practicum Position (MSW, MPH, MSP)
June – August 2021

Position Description

Department: Social Work, Public Health
Job Title: Graduate Student Researcher
Type: Domestic Practicum with the Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration

Position Summary

Washington University’s Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration at the Institute for Public Health seeks a Brown School student for a domestic practicum position during the summer of 2021. The work for this position will be conducted remotely.

The position is open to social work and public health students at the Brown School. Duties assigned will depend on the selected student’s area of study. In general, the student will provide research assistance and possible interview support to the Center Director and Manager on one or more projects.

Possible projects that students may be assigned to this summer include: 1) strengthening approaches to gender-based violence disclosure among refugees and migrants (globally and for specific case studies in Greece, Kenya, and Mexico); 2) understanding and addressing the impacts of COVID-19 on immigrant communities in St. Louis; 3) examining the relationships between COVID-19 and intimate partner violence in St. Louis (USA), Kampala (Uganda), and Santiago (Chile); and 4) support with a literature review and survey on reparations for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Desk research: Conduct literature reviews and background research as relevant to assigned projects; draft relevant research memos and analytical briefs as requested by Center Director and Center Manager; contribute to other pieces of research work as assigned.

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

3. Quantitative data collection and analysis: Assist with dissemination of online surveys to identified networks and actors; monitor the collection of quantitative data; assist with data cleaning and preparation for analysis; assist with quantitative data analysis and write-ups as assigned.

4. Communications and dissemination: Write short blog or other media pieces on research topic(s) and/or on the work of relevant experts to engage lay audiences and disseminate Center work; assist with other
research dissemination efforts and communications pieces as requested (eg, through social media, website, press, and other channels).

5. Support other Center activities as requested, such as editing and design support, general programmatic and project administration tasks, conference planning, and outreach efforts.

Minimum Experience / Requirements

- In-progress master’s degree in social work, public health, or social policy
- Excellent desk research and writing skills (eg, country conditions research, conducting literature reviews with academic and grey literature)
- 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
- 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 relevant projects

Preferred Experience

- Quantitative research experience, such as survey building, disseminating surveys via established outreach and recruitment strategies, collecting quantitative data, and experience with data management and analysis
- Ability to work with the following software packages: SAS/Stata/R/SPSS
- Fluency in Spanish highly desired. Fluency in one or more of the following languages may also be relevant: French, Arabic, Greek, Mandarin, Nepali
- Knowledge of refugee and migration issues in Latin America (especially Central America and Mexico), the U.S., the European Union, and/or Africa
- Experience writing and editing qualitative research reports, essays, or other types of academic writing
- Experience working with survivors of severe forms of trauma (eg, sexual violence survivors, torture survivors) is beneficial
- Experience writing policy briefs, blogs, or other materials that make academic research accessible to a wider audience
- Experience with social media and communications a plus
- Knowledge of Adobe Illustrator and/or InDesign a plus
- Event planning experience a plus

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and academic writing sample (please select no more than a 5-page piece or extract) to: centerforhumanrights@wustl.edu. One reference from Brown faculty member appreciated. Applications due March 25, 2021 at 11:59pm.