

## Legal internship opportunities

The European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC) is inviting applications for legal internships. EHRAC is based within the School of Law at Middlesex University and holds partnership status with the Council of Europe.

EHRAC assists lawyers and NGOs from Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Ukraine in taking cases to the European Court of Human Rights, and provides legal training to build the capacity of the human rights lawyers and advocates in these countries. Issues tackled through joint litigation include: extrajudicial executions; torture; enforced disappearances; freedom of association, assembly, and expression; and violence against women. We have an exemplary record of bringing cases before the European Court, and have received worldwide media coverage from the likes of *The Guardian* and *Newsweek* for our landmark litigation work.

### LEGAL INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The legal internship will take place in EHRAC's office in Middlesex University. We prefer candidates to commit to an internship for two to three months, working for two to four days a week. Our legal work includes research, litigation, advocacy and implementation activities, and the internship may be focused on supporting the legal team in some or all of these areas according to the needs of the team and the skills of the candidate. Legal internships provide an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of strategic litigation at the European Court, with a focus on addressing systemic human rights violations in the post-Soviet region, and work on implementation of judgments from the Court. Interns are important to the overall operation of EHRAC as an organisation, and should also expect to contribute to administrative and non-legal work on occasion.

### INTERN PROFILE

Essential:

- Master's degree in law, including study of international human rights
- Professional or voluntary experience in a legal organisation
- Excellent spoken and written English
- Commitment to human rights, and knowledge of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Competent in use of Microsoft Office applications and email
- An **existing** right to live and work in the UK (**as we cannot facilitate or sponsor visa applications**)

Desirable (but not essential):

- Fluency in Russian or one of the other languages of our target region (Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian or Azerbaijani)

EHRAC will cover the cost of public transport within London zones 1-6 and lunch up to £8/day (for days spent in the office).

**Applications are invited for internships between June and August 2018**

**Closing date for applications: 25 May 2018**

**To apply, please send a CV (including the names and contact details of two referees), a short covering letter explaining your reasons for applying to EHRAC and confirming your availability, and a writing sample of no more than 1000 words (e.g. an essay, an extract from a dissertation, or a published article), to Kate Levine, EHRAC Lawyer: [k.levine@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:k.levine@mdx.ac.uk) by the closing date.**

**Should you wish to seek additional funding for the internship, please note that the Human Rights Lawyers Association is offering competitive bursaries for law students and recent law graduates to undertake internships in human rights. The call for applications for the bursary scheme closes on 21 May 2018: <https://www.hrla.org.uk/bursary/>**