

2012 Summer Research Internships
Program on Law and Human Development
November 2011

The Program on Law and Human Development's mission includes providing research and experiential learning opportunities aimed at forming NDLS graduates to be effective agents in advancing human development. We encourage and support law students to fully engage relevant, tough questions in this field through research and experiential learning in real-world situations.

The PLHD supports **three categories of internships**:

PLHD Summer Research Internship:

- The intern spends approximately 10 weeks over the summer in the field carrying out a specific research agenda developed by the PLHD.
- One main goal of this internship is a publishable research piece on law and human development. PLHD faculty supervises this work. In 2011, the interns prepared case studies on migration while based in London, Tucson, and Santiago/Lima; PLHD will be defining over the coming months the sites and substantive focus for the 2012 assignments. The substantive focus—our next Annual Theme-- is expected to be drawn from the second “cluster” of PLHD priority themes: human development in the economic sphere.
- Wherever possible, the internship will include experiential learning/service opportunities with local organizations; however, this component should take up no more than half of the intern's work week.
- During the following fall semester, the research report is finalized (for publication if possible).
- PLHD will provide a grant for travel, lodging, food and other expenses. The grant amount will be linked to airfare/cost of living estimates, and will be divided into two payments--one for the bulk of expenses at the beginning of the internship, the second when the final research paper is approved.
- Offers will be extended as early as possible; we do not anticipate extending offers after March 31, 2012.

Joint PLHD Summer Research Internship:

- This internship differs from the PLHD Summer Research Internships in that PLHD develops and supports the intern jointly with a “host” organization. The research topic is defined by PLHD and the host on a law and human development topic (related to the Annual Theme if possible).
- The overall time commitment and mix of research/experiential learning/service for this type of internship is determined by the host organization.
- In the following fall semester, the research report is finalized. Any eventual publication of this report must be approved by the host organization.
- The amount and purposes of any PLHD grant will be determined according to host organization contributions on the ground. It is expected that between PLHD and the host organization contributions, necessary travel, room and board will be covered. PLHD financial support will be divided into two payments (one for bulk of expenses at the beginning of the internship, the second when the final research paper is approved).
- PLHD will be defining over the coming months the internships under this category. Offers are extended as early as possible, and expected before March 31, 2012.

Independent PLHD Summer Research Internship:

- Under this category, the student organizes and proposes the research internship.
- In terms of substantive focus, PLHD's first priority is for research topics related to law and human development under the Annual Theme. The next Annual Theme is expected to focus on human development in the economic sphere. However, we will consider internships working on other law and human development topics.

- This type of internship allows for more time dedicated to experiential learning/service than to research; however, some type of final paper/report is required for this internship, determined in consultation with PLHD.
- The amount and purposes of any PLHD grant will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Any PLHD financial support will be divided into two payments (one for bulk of expenses at the beginning of the internship, the second when the final research paper is approved)
- We expect to accept proposals for support for this type of internship through March 1, 2011; proposals are considered on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

Eligibility and requirements:

1. PLHD Summer Internship candidates must be a 1L or 2L in good academic standing. Ideal candidates will have:
 - Strong interpersonal and intercultural communication skills
 - Strong problem solving ability and writing skills
 - Willingness to serve and learn
2. All PLHD Summer Interns receiving PLHD financial support must sign an agreement with the University outlining responsibilities under the internship.
3. At this time, we expect that all PLHD summer research interns will be required to complete the Notre Dame Law School Seminar, *Law and Human Development in Practice*, structured as two one-credit courses. This seminar will help interns gain a deeper understanding of the situations they confront in research or experiential learning experiences by building their capacity to investigate and reflect upon complex, real-world issues in human development. The first part of the seminar will occur over a number of days between the end of final exams and Commencement in May 2012. The second part occurs over a number of weeks during the 2012 Fall Semester.
4. To apply, please send the following to PLHD Program Director Christine Cervenak, at ccervena@nd.edu AND Administrative Assistant Sharon Loftus at SharonLoftus@nd.edu :
 - Cover letter (no longer than two pages single-spaced) identifying the type(s) of internships you are interested in pursuing, explaining why you are interested in a PLHD summer research internship, and indicating dates you are available over the summer of 2012. Please also highlight geographic areas where you are particularly interested in working.
 - If you are interested in an Independent PLHD Summer Research Internship, in the cover letter provide background information on the specific external internship and your application status for that internship. If you request PLHD funding support, provide a budget for necessary expenses and indicate the host organization's contributions, whether monetary or in kind. Attach to the application relevant background on the external internship.
 - CV, including significant time spent living in a foreign country and language skill levels.
 - Updated transcript (official).
 - List of courses you expect to take in the 2012 Spring Semester.
 - List of subject topics for any ongoing or completed research projects at NDLS and these projects' status (projects could include but are not limited to law review notes or research papers for courses).
 - Names of two NDLS faculty for references
 - **Deadlines:**
 PLHD and Joint Internships: January 6, 2012
 PLHD Independent Internships: until funds are exhausted or March 1, 2012—whichever comes first.