

**University of Connecticut  
Human Rights Institute  
Graduate Student Human Rights Research Grant  
Application**

## **2016-2017 Human Rights Research Grant Competition**

The Human Rights Institute announces the Human Rights Research Grant Competition for graduate students at the University of Connecticut. The objective of the competition is to support and promote research projects on human rights related questions.

### ***Graduate Student Research Competition Criteria***

The funding competition is open to all JD, LLM, masters and doctoral students pursuing graduate coursework in the field of human rights in all disciplines from Storrs and the regional campuses.

#### Evaluation Criteria for Graduate Student Human Rights Research Grant Applications

1. Overall excellence of the proposed research project on human rights issues, understood broadly. Projects should make a significant contribution to ongoing scholarly and policy debates in the field of human rights.
2. Awards will prioritize primary research, including library research, fieldwork, interviewing, historical archival research, pilot studies, data collection and/or creation, etc. In exceptional cases we will consider summer fellowship requests, which would allow doctoral students the time to make significant progress or complete their dissertations.
3. Requests for funding for conference travel and seminar/course tuition (language or methods training will also be considered).

All proposals will be reviewed and ranked by a multidisciplinary review committee chaired by the Director of the Human Rights Institute and comprised of members of the Gladstein Committee. The number of grants will depend on the number of applications ranked 'excellent' by the review panel. Budget requests should not exceed \$2000.

The funding awards will be dispersed directly into the Bursar's accounts of selected applicants after July 1, 2016.

**Extended Application deadline: November 10.** *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

- Please return this signed application form to Ms. Alyssa Webb, at the Human Rights Institute located in the Dodd Research Center building.
- The rest of the application (rationale, budget, CV, etc) should be submitted in pdf format to:  
[humanrights@uconn.edu](mailto:humanrights@uconn.edu)

For questions or inquiries, please email [humanrights@uconn.edu](mailto:humanrights@uconn.edu) or call (860) 486-8739.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Application Form**

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Human Rights: Yes  No

If Yes, Expected Conferral Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Human Rights Graduate Coursework Pursued:**

Course #	Course Title	Semester
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you have substantial financial need, even if you are not eligible for financial aid, which can be demonstrated to the Award Committee if requested? Yes  No

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Anticipated Budget

Please complete this budget to assist you in thinking about the expenses associated with your intended research project and whether this is something you can do financially.

	Expected Expenses
Travel (to relocate and daily commute) <i>Please consult <a href="http://web.uconn.edu/travel/mileage_perdiem.php">http://web.uconn.edu/travel/mileage_perdiem.php</a> for the current mileage rate. Mileage should be calculated at current mileage rate x total miles roundtrip x days at internship).</i>	
Living Expenses (rent, utilities, food, etc.)	
Other (please describe):	
Total Expected Expenses	

	Expected Contributions
HRI Stipend	
Self	
Family	
Other (i.e., financial aid, other awards)	
Total Expected Contributions	

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#### Formatting Guidelines:

Fellowship applications should be a maximum of three pages; written materials should be double spaced and printed in 12-point, Times New Roman font with 1 inch standard margins.

In addition to this application, please submit the following:

1. **Intellectual Rationale:** Please describe your reasoning for undertaking this research project and the impact you think believe your project will have on understandings of, and/or policies affecting, human rights.
2. **Expected Project Outcomes:** Describe what the expected outcome of your research project is should you receive these funds. That is, what will be produced with these funds?
3. **Methodology:** Explain how you will conduct your research. Be explicit in describing the types of methods employed and the advantage of using these particular methods.
4. **Budget Narrative:** The purpose of the budget narrative is to supplement the information provided in the budget spreadsheet to demonstrate you have considered the costs associated with your research. The narrative is different from the spreadsheet in that rather than listing expected costs in dollars, the narrative explains the rationales for these expected costs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Statement from Advisor / Dissertation Supervisor:** Applicants should request their academic advisor, dissertation supervisor, or professor supervising their research to submit a statement detailing how the funding will advance the applicant's research. This statement can either be submitted as part of the completed application, or can be emailed separately to [humanrights@uconn.edu](mailto:humanrights@uconn.edu) by the applicant's research advisor.
  
6. **Curriculum Vitae:** Please enclose the most recent version of your CV.

I attest that the information in this application and its supporting materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sample Budget Narrative

### Expended Expenses

**Travel:** I expect the expenses to relocate to include travel to New York City and daily commuting. New York is 140 miles from my house, so to move there and back home will cost \$158.20. I will purchase two 30-day unlimited Metro cards for a total cost of \$208. My total travel expenses are anticipated to be \$316.40.

**Living Expenses:** I estimate subletting an apartment in Brooklyn for the 8 weeks on my internship for \$1,100 per month. I hope to find a place that includes utilities. I anticipate spend \$50 per week on groceries. My total living expenses are anticipated to be \$2,600.

**Registration/Tuition/Study Abroad Fee:** Since I will be taking the internship seminar over the summer, I will be charged for three credits which typically costs \$1,175 according to the Summer Session website.

### Expected Contributions

**HRI Stipend:** The HRI stipend for this internship is \$5,000.

**Self:** I will be able to contribute \$100 towards my internship expenses.

**Family:** My parents are willing to contribute \$500 toward my internship expenses.

**Other:** N/A