

Rule of Law | Internships

Overview

The Rule of Law Program works with government and civil society at the nexus of international, national, and local/community levels to achieve our goal of advancing governance and building trust to transform lives through enhanced accountability, transparency, and inclusive access to information and justice. These fundamental human rights serve as the cornerstone of democracy and meaningful citizen participation. The Rule of Law team partners with government and civil society in diverse regional contexts to apply innovative programming to ensure that information and justice are accessible to even the most disadvantaged populations, particularly women. Interns working with Rule of Law will play an active role in helping to ensure that projects meet expected deliverables and have sustainable, positive impact.

Rule of Law interns facilitate programming currently in Bangladesh, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, and the U.S., to ensure that all citizens — including women and other marginalized populations — can transform their lives through enhanced accountability (governmental and social), transparency, and inclusive access to information and justice.

Examples of Rule of Law work include:

- Advancing people-centered justice, institutional transparency, climate justice, gender equality/equity, good governance, and transitional justice across the globe.
- Supporting government and civil society to apply creative solutions to overcome obstacles facing women in the exercise of the right to information in Bangladesh and Guatemala.
- Strengthening accountability and transparency in the justice and security sectors domestically and abroad in Africa, Asia, and Central America.
- Improving an understanding of legal foundations of elections and best practices in accountability and election-related engagement in the U.S.
- Strengthening the capacity of local and national leaders to increase awareness of citizen rights, improve administration of justice, and advancing access to justice in their respective countries and regions.
- Contributing scholarship and serving as a resource on accountability, transparency, good governance, and access to information and justice for the global community of practice.
- Supporting and promoting policing alternatives and security sector reforms for increased justice and equity.

Number of Interns per Semester: 2-4

Expected Projects



- Conduct applied research to inform project development/implementation as directed.
- Monitor and report on select countries and regions.
- Assist with data collection, organization, input, cleaning, and visualization as necessary.
- Contribute to websites, publications, blogs, and reports.
- Create graphical presentations as requested.
- Prepare briefing materials and serve as a rapporteur for meetings and conferences.
- Assist in planning and executing project objectives.

Preferred Qualifications

- Excellent written and verbal English skills.
- Background in political science, international studies/development, public administration, law, or gender studies.
- Current law students who have completed at least one semester of full-time study by the internship start date desired, but not required.
- Experience with qualitative and/or quantitative research and data collection, entry, and analysis.
- Foreign language skills (particularly Spanish, Bangla, and French) desired, but not required.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Teams, Zoom, Facebook, X, Instagram, Canva, and other social media platforms.
- High degree of organization, attention to detail, and skill at prioritizing and managing multiple tasks.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team in a deadline-driven environment.
- Ability to work effectively in a hybrid working environment, in person and remotely.