



Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Internship Opportunity

NUJS-CHRI Prison Reforms Programme, Kolkata

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is looking for motivated law students who want to enhance their knowledge and skills and contribute to its prison reforms programme in Kolkata. CHRI is based in New Delhi, India, and has offices in London, UK and Accra, Ghana. CHRI is an independent, non-partisan, non-government organisation working for the practical realisation of human rights across the Commonwealth. Further information about CHRI and the work of its prison reforms programme can be accessed at CHRI's website (www.humanrightsinitiative.org).

The CHRI prison reform programme has worked in India for the past ten years and undertakes studies and advocacy projects to address prison conditions in India. A major area is focused on highlighting failures of the legal system that results in overcrowding and prolonged detention, and engaging in interventions to ease this. NUJS Legal Aid Society and CHRI have taken a joint project named the 'SHADHINOTA' in Kolkata to empower the inmates in correctional homes.

Description: The intern will work under the supervision of CHRI Consultant for Prison Reforms Programme in Kolkata and assist with a variety of tasks relating to jail visits, legal aid, reporting & compiling of documents etc. relating to CHRI- NUJS Legal Aid Society project 'SHADHINOTA'. The intern should have commitment towards civil liberties and interest in working for the cause. Knowledge of criminal procedure and substantive criminal laws, good computer skills, including word processing, email and internet is highly essential. Good writing skills will be an added advantage.

Duration: 3 months: April-June (Dates can be decided as per convenience.)

Salary: Unpaid

Applications should be emailed to Madhurima Dhanuka at (madhurima@humanrightsinitiative.org) and CC to (las.nujs@gmail.com) within 20/03/2011 mentioning "Application for Internship" in the subject line of the e-mail. Applications must include a statement of purpose (not exceeding 500 words), complete resume and a recent writing sample (not more than 2000 words). Incomplete applications will not be considered.