



UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Immigration Law Research Fellow (Full-Time, Summer)

Washington, D.C.

About Us

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) is an independent, bipartisan, U.S. federal government commission – the first of its kind in the world – that monitors the universal right to freedom of religion or belief abroad. USCIRF reviews the facts and circumstances of religious freedom violations and makes policy recommendations to the President, Secretary of State, and Congress. USCIRF Commissioners are appointed by the President and Congressional leadership of both political parties.

As part of its mandate from Congress, USCIRF also monitors the U.S. government's treatment of asylum seekers in Expedited Removal. For more information, please visit: <http://www.uscirf.gov/issues/asylum-and-refugees>.

Duties and Responsibilities

USCIRF seeks two (2) Immigration Law Research Fellows to:

- Conduct legal research on U.S. asylum laws, including the procedures for processing asylum seekers in Expedited Removal, conditions of detention for asylum seekers, and the legal adjudications of asylum claims; and
- Review and analyze U.S. government and non-governmental reports on Expedited Removal.

Compensation

Immigration Law Research Fellows are paid \$15.00 per hour. Successful applicants who are receiving credit for their fellowship through an accredited academic program are not eligible for hourly compensation. No benefits are authorized or available.

Requirements and Qualifications

- U.S. citizenship (or otherwise authorized to work in a U.S. government agency);
- Current JD or LLM student at, or recent graduate of, an accredited law school who has demonstrated familiarity with and interest in U.S. asylum law and U.S. immigration policy;
- Minimum 2.5 GPA;
- Successful completion of a background check;
- Strong legal research, analysis, and writing skills; and
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office suite and legal research databases.

How to Apply

E-mail a complete application package (containing **all** required documents specified below) in PDF format to internship@uscirf.gov. A complete application package includes the following:

1. Cover letter;
2. Resume;
3. Short legal writing sample (3-5 pages);
4. Unofficial transcript; and
5. Name and contact information for 3 references.