



ICGC INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP GRANTS A Competition Open to Current ICGC Scholars

2009 Competition Guidelines

Deadline February 20, 2009

OBJECTIVES: The ICGC Program seeks to increase the number of University of Minnesota graduate and professional school students in degree programs who undertake internships/supervised fieldwork experiences related to the developing world. In 2009 it will award a limited number of grants to underwrite travel and living expenses incurred in internships in organizations carrying on activities relevant to the purposes of the ICGC Program. Internships are understood to be experiences involving both learning and service components. The competition will favor internships that are a necessary part of the training program of the student or that will significantly enhance career preparation.

The ICGC Program approaches global studies from an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspective. Its focus is on developing societies, particularly in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East, and on minority communities within North America. It emphasizes study and research on four broad dimensions of world society: global governance and transnational norms; environmental sustainability and social justice; war and peace in historical context; and production, performance and representation of identities. This involves examining processes in developing societies affecting:

- economic, political, environmental and social change and conflict and their consequences for national and international peace and security*
- the sustainability of ecosystems, human-environment relationships, and development processes*
- the capacity of institutions to undergo redesign and reform to cope with tensions caused by political, economic, cultural, environmental and technological change*
- popular empowerment and the enhancement of human rights, justice and freedoms*
- the role of disaffected and disadvantaged sectors experiencing change and conflict*
- the significance of race, class, ethnicity and gender*
- transnational linkages and informal networks in processes of democratization*

There must be a clear intellectual fit between the applicant's academic/service interests and the interest of the ICGC Program in examining these processes.

AWARDS:

Awards will vary. Grants will help pay travel and living expenses incurred in carrying out the internship project. Applicants are encouraged to apply to other funders for additional support if needed. Matching or additional funds may be available from the Human Rights Center of the University of Minnesota for internships relating to human rights. We encourage applicants to contact the Human Rights Center, N-120 Mondale Hall (Law Center), 612-626-0041, humanrts@umn.edu, for further information about their grant competition. Awards will be announced within a month of the deadline for applications. Winners should contact the ICGC Program's accountant, Kate Griep Kulhanek, immediately about arranging for timely payment when the award is needed.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applications will be accepted from ICGC Scholars at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Applicants must have some proficiency in the language of the host country and a commitment from the sponsoring organization for the internship that indicates what the intern's responsibilities and activities will entail. The project must relate to the purposes of the ICGC program and to the student's academic or professional training. Internships should be for at least 6-8 weeks. Preference will be given to candidates in the midst of their study program (not *after* they have completed their education) and to candidates who have not already received a ICGC Program grant, although that fact does not disqualify a candidate. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants for whom other sources of financial support are not available. Budgets proposed must be reasonable.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications are due by February 20, 2009, at the latest. Please provide the following information:

- A completed application form
- A two- to three-page essay describing the project, the sponsoring organization, the relevance of the project for your academic or professional training, and the relationship you see between the project and the issues central to the ICGC Program
- A transcript of your graduate/professional school work (current Web print-out acceptable)
- Evidence from the sponsoring organization of a commitment to your internship and an indication of what your activities/responsibilities as intern will be
- A letter of reference from your advisor speaking to your readiness and qualifications to undertake the project, and its relationship with your training program.

Send the application and supporting materials to the International Internship Grant Competition, ICGC Program, 560 Heller Hall, Minneapolis campus (if you hand-carry the application, bring it to 537 Heller Hall). Results of the competition will be announced by the end of March. Questions? Call the program office (612-624-0832 or 612-626-7487) or write. If you prefer e-mail, use the ICGC Program address: icgc@umn.edu

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Within a month of returning to campus on completion of the internship, the grant-winner will submit a five- to ten-page report to the Director of the ICGC Program. The report will 1) describe the activities undertaken, 2) give an assessment of the value of the experience for the student's training and orientation and for the organization and people served, and 3) make a brief accounting of how the grant moneys were spent.