Peace and Social Change Internship Application

Applications Due: **December 21** at noon EST


The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) program at Columbia University is pleased to invite applications for the Peace and Social Change Internship. This paid, ten-week internship is designed to support the Peace and Social Change Fellowship Program. Graduate student internships will run from May-July, 2019.

The Peace and Social Change Fellowship Program aims to generate knowledge, build skills, strengthen relationships, exchange strategies and amplify the possibilities generated by frontline advocates and organizers working on issues of social change, justice and, more broadly, security for all people. Through six-month fellowship cycles, cohorts of women changemakers representing a variety of geographic and thematic areas will come together as a critical learning community to learn from and with each other, both virtually and in-person. The first round of the Peace and Social Change Fellowship program is for women changemakers working across Africa.

To support this powerful network of changemakers, the WPS program seeks graduate student research interns to undertake a participatory process with the fellows to create a transnational hub of interdisciplinary work and research, grounded in the needs and desires of the fellows themselves in order to support and increase the visibility of the fellows’ activism.

The WPS program believes that in times of heightened inequality, hate crimes, and global consciousness of violence against women, and in times of vibrant transnational mobilizations for gender and racial justice, the Peace and Social Change Fellowship Program can generate knowledge, advocacy and new forms of networks to support peace and justice projects launched and led by women.

Interns will be supervised and guided by the WPS program staff, and will be in regular contact with fellows by email and web. At the end of the 10-week internship period, graduate student interns will be flown to Nairobi, Kenya to meet with the Peace and Social Change fellows and present their collaborative projects. All costs related to travel, lodging, and meals throughout the Nairobi convening will be covered.

The ten-week Peace and Social Change Internship is designed to be 10-20 hours per week and will be 100 hours total. Selection for interns will be based on application.
Eligibility

- Graduate student at any Columbia or TC department
- Enrolled throughout the duration of proposed project/research
- Visa status eligible to work or receive payment in the US
- Scholarship/Fellowship status eligible to receive additional funding

This opportunity is especially tailored for graduate students who:

- Are interested in working side by side with grassroots women changemakers
- Want direct experience with project-based work
- Have excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Are curious about and/or interested in the participatory praxis of activism/research

Examples of project-based tasks that fellows may request:

- Fact-finding and documentation
- Literature reviews on specific topic
- Campaign work/ documentary work
- Policy background research and briefs
- Statistical and data research
- Network mapping
- And more…

To Apply:
Applications for Peace and Social Change Internships will be accepted until December 21, 12 pm, EST.

Application decisions will be sent out mid-January 2019.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact: womenpeacesecurity@columbia.edu

About the Women, Peace and Security Program
The mission of the Earth Institute’s Women, Peace and Security (WPS) program, led by Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee, is to contribute to greater global and regional understanding of the diverse roles women play to successfully influence sustainable peace and promote human security through everyday activism. Through education, public service and research, the WPS program advances visibility and knowledge exchange among women peacebuilders and practitioners – domestically and internationally – and disseminates lessons learned from their experiences.

1 The Women, Peace, and Security team uses the term “woman” to describe any individual that self identifies as a woman, including, but not limited to cisgender and transgender individuals.