Peace and Social Change Fall 2019 Internship

Apply by August 30th at 12 PM EST
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The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Program at Columbia University is pleased to invite applications for the Peace and Social Change Internship. This paid graduate internship opportunity is designed to support the Peace and Social Change Fellowship Program. The internship will run from September to December 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 come together as a critical learning community to learn from and with each other, both virtually and in person.

This round of the Peace and Social Change Fellowship program is for women changemakers working across New York City.1 Peace and Social Change graduate interns will support this powerful network of changemakers by offering research, fact finding, literatures reviews, statistical analysis, and more for specific policy projects as designed and determined by the fellows. We are looking for students from a variety of humanities and social science disciplines. Students will work as interdisciplinary teams, with specific tasks each week, to co-produce final research outputs for these organizations. This internship is designed to be a participatory process with the fellows and the WPS program, grounded in the needs and desires of the fellows themselves in order to support and increase the visibility, reach and impact of their work.

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 both around the world and within New York City's communities.

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 internship, graduate student interns will participate in a two-day intensive workshop with the Peace and Social Change fellows and present their

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.
collaborative projects. The Peace and Social Change Internship is designed to run from September through December for **15-20 hours per week** and will be **150 hours in total**. Selection for interns will be based on the following eligibility criteria and application.

**Eligibility:**
- Enrolled in a **graduate program** at any Columbia University or Teachers College department throughout the duration of the internship
- 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 the work of the WPS program and eager to work side by side with women changemakers and organizations working for social change;
- Want direct experience on project-based work;
- Have excellent communications and interpersonal skills;
- Have superb organizational and time management skills;
- Have strong research and analytical skills and excellent writing and editing skills;
- Are detail-oriented, self-motivated and creative;
- Are curious about, interested in and dedicated to the participatory praxis of activism/research.

Competitive applicants will possess skills or experience in **any** of the following areas:
- Fact-finding and documentation
- Generating literature reviews and annotated bibliographies
- Advocacy campaign or documentary work
- Capturing, organizing and evaluating quantitative and qualitative data
- Performing policy background research and composing briefs
- Performing statistical analysis and/or data research
- Network mapping
- Legal fact finding research
- Coding and/or handling large data sets

Applications for Peace and Social Change Internships are due **August 30, 2019**. Application decisions will be sent out the beginning of September 2019. Apply via the following form by **August 30th at 12 PM EST**: https://forms.gle/uVAeds2qDLqrcBHm6

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

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**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.