

Legal Internship Opportunity

COVID-19 Civic Freedoms Tracker

The ICNL-ECNL [COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker](#) was the first tracker to monitor government responses to the pandemic that affect civic freedom and human rights. Since launching in March 2020, the Tracker has been cited by [UN Special Rapporteurs](#) as well as the [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), [CNN](#) and other major international news outlets as a source for data on the human rights implications of COVID-19.

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) is currently seeking 2-3 Legal Interns to support legal data validation efforts for the COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker. This research position involves comparing raw data on legal measures and law enforcement practices around the world, submitted by ICNL's international staff and partners, against the Tracker's methodological framework. Legal Interns will analyze primary legal sources, performing additional legal research if necessary, and ensure that the Tracker reflect those sources accurately. Legal Interns should be able to commit between three and five hours per week in order to participate in this project, though hour allocation throughout the semester is flexible.

This is an ideal opportunity to gain experience working in the international human rights space with a global organization that supports the work of international and regional human rights mechanisms as well as civil society advocacy in over 100 countries around the world.

Demonstrated interest in human rights issues required. Multilingual skills a plus. LLM and SJD students encouraged to apply!

This is an unpaid, pro bono opportunity. On a case-by-case basis, ICNL would be happy to provide a letter recognizing researchers' participation and contributions for purposes of obtaining academic research credit.

To apply:

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and cover form to jobs@icnl.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

Cover Form

Please describe any background you have in human rights work, and why you are interested in international human rights issues.

Why are you interested in supporting the COVID-19 Civic Freedoms Tracker, and what do you hope to learn by participating in this project?

Do you have any previous experience conducting research that has required you to work across language barriers?

Do you speak, understand, read and/or write in any language other than English? If yes, please list and describe your general background/proficiency.