

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The application for the 2011 session of the annual Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) at Columbia University is now available. We would like to ask you to disseminate this announcement to eligible human rights activists and organizations.

The application is available online at <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/apply/>. This web-based format is the only version of the 2011 application.

The Program is designed for lawyers, journalists, doctors, teachers, social workers, community organizers, and other human rights activists working with NGOs on issues including sexual and gender-based violence, domestic violence, minority rights, LGBT rights, labor rights, migration, health, social exclusion, environmental justice, and corporate social accountability.

Participants are selected on the basis of their previous work experience in human rights, commitment to the human rights field, and demonstrated ability to pursue graduate-level studies. Full-time students or government officials will not be considered.

Advocates must work at the grassroots level. Applicants from high-income countries will not be considered except for those representing marginalized communities. See the FAQ at <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/apply/faq/> for more information about this requirement. Fluency in English is required. Preference is given to those who have not previously had opportunities to travel and study internationally.

Advocates must provide proof of institutional endorsement from their organizations for their participation in the Program and must commit to returning to that organization upon completion of the Program. Only one application per organization should be submitted. More than one application means all applications from that organization will be disqualified.

This extremely competitive Program will admit approximately eight participants. We make every effort to provide full fellowships to cover program costs as well as travel and living expenses for selected Advocates each year.

Completed applications are due by Friday, November 19, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The 2011 HRAP will take place from late August to the middle of December 2011.

For further information, please refer to our website at: <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/>.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
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