



Communications & Advocacy Intern

Organizational Background

Established in 2001, the ILF is a leading global advocate for the right to counsel. Our mission is to make justice a reality for poor people by fighting to guarantee high-quality legal representation for everyone arrested or detained. Around the world, we provide criminal defense services and build sustainable, effective legal aid institutions.

Headquartered in New York, the ILF has current programs in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Palestine, and Tunisia. We work with ministries of justice, bar associations, lawyers, prosecutors, and police to expand access to justice for vulnerable people. By bringing international criminal defense experts together with local lawyers to provide professional mentorship and exchange, the ILF is raising up a new generation of public defenders. Our work prevents torture and mistreatment, promotes alternatives to detention, encourages positive youth development, and builds fair and credible institutions.

For more about us, visit www.theilf.org

About this Role

We are seeking energetic, skilled researchers and communicators to support the Advocacy & Partnerships team. Interns will focus on advocacy and communications, enabling the ILF to press for criminal justice reform around the world.

This role is suitable for part-time, remote work. We ask for a minimum commitment of 8 hours per week over the course of the summer or a semester, but welcome additional time. We do require availability within ILF core hours (9am - 5pm EDT) to ensure we can all connect and share feedback regularly. This opportunity is unpaid.



Specific Responsibilities

- Track rule of law and access to justice initiatives, identifying trends and opportunities for partnerships.
- Research and analyze issues related to human rights, rule of law, gender equality, and juvenile justice reform.
- Draft and edit communications materials, including press releases, op-eds, fact sheets, reports, blog posts, and content for social media.
- Support database and contact management; develop and maintain media lists.
- Assist with planning webinars, events, and advocacy campaigns.

Qualifications:

- *Commitment:* Seeking to advance justice and equity.
- *Education:* High school diploma. University degree in progress or attained within the last 6 months and enrolled in a future academic program.
- *Experience:* This is an entry-level position. Experience with criminal justice reform, journalism, political campaigns, human rights advocacy, fundraising, marketing, or social media management a plus.
- *Skills:* Strong writing and research abilities. Social media savvy.
- *Qualities:* Friendly, action-oriented, and broadly curious.

To Apply:

We consider applicants on a rolling basis for fall, spring, and summer terms.
Priority deadlines: May 15, August 15, and December 15.

Please email your resume and a thoughtful cover letter to internships@theilf.org with “Communications & Advocacy Intern” in the subject line.

The International Legal Foundation is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring, and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, orientations, experiences and communities to apply.