

# **Amnesty International Refugee Program Intern**

**SITE NAME:** Amnesty International's Human Rights Concerns

**LOCATION:** Washington, DC

**CONTACT PERSON:** Internship Coordinator

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**AGENCY DESCRIPTION:** Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

In pursuit of this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.

AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government or political system, nor does it support or oppose the views of the victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Refugee Program assists people fleeing persecution in their countries of origin. Interns are responsible for providing research and documentation to be used as evidence in asylum claims. Responsibilities include: researching computer and hard copy resources to substantiate individual claims and tracking allegations by detainees about mistreatment in INS detention. Interns also summarize and explain the relevance of material to individual claims, and they draft Urgent Action (UA) letters and articles for AI publications, including the AIUSA monthly Mailing and the web page. Interns also field telephone, e-mail, and fax inquiries, and maintain database and resource files.

1. Indicate the number of days per week that you will be available for an internship, including start and departure dates. Also be sure to include the programs of interest.
2. Your writing sample does not have to be of any specific length or on any particular topic. It could be a recently written term paper, news article, etc.
3. Finally, it is best to submit all of your materials at once. An incomplete application will not be considered.

Application Deadlines: October 30 – Spring, March 15 – Summer, June 30 - Fall

**HOURS:** 35 hours a week, 12 week period