Call for Proposals 2020
Research Internship at Osgoode Law School, Toronto, Canada

In the context of the project “Improving Access to Justice in Latin America”, funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) is accepting proposals for the third round of a research internship program at Osgoode Hall Law School (York University, Toronto, Canada) to be held from Monday 2nd to Friday 13th, March 2020 (two full weeks). Two interns will be selected.

1. INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the internship is to support civil procedure reform processes in Latin American and Caribbean countries by providing professionals with the opportunity to travel to Toronto, Canada, in order to carry out a research project on a topic chosen by them in their application. They are also expected to participate in activities at the Law School, and finally to acquire relevant knowledge with the potential to generate changes in their local realities.

Participants will be also invited to present their topics for those members of the Law School's community who are interested in Latin America or Caribbean experiences.

2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.a. Application Form

All applicants must complete the application form that is posted at the following link:

(Link)

2.b. Research Proposal

In addition, each applicant must submit a research proposal on a topic in which they are interested and which is related to access to justice within the field of civil justice systems. The proposal must include: (i) a description of the research topic (preferably with some research questions that the Intern will attempt to answer in Canada), (ii) justification for the project1 and (iii) mention of research methodology (maximum: 2 pages). It should include an annexed list of Osgoode Faculty that Intern would like to consult or would like to interview (full biographies of the faculty are available on the Osgoode website).

Proposals should be submitted to JSCA Training Area Director, Leonel González: leonel.gonzalez@cejamericas.org and Laura Cora Bogani, Research Attorney: laura.cora@cejamericas.org. Proposals must be submitted in two languages: English and Spanish (except for applicants from Brazil, who may choose English and Portuguese). All applicants must be proficient in written and spoken English.

All proposals must incorporate an appropriate gender perspective. That means, at least:

- Using non-sexist and equality language: modifying the androcentric approach in communication in order to make women and LGTBI minorities visible and to abandon sexist stereotypes and prejudices.
- When working with data information on some topic, it would/could be presented and released by gender.
- Avoiding the use of gender stereotypes, e.g. using supporting ideas that associate women only with their role as mothers and men as financial providers; women as emotional and men as rational, etc.

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1 This should include addressing: How the chosen topic is related to the aim of the internship; Does the proposal identify a link between the local development of the topic and its treatment in Canada? To what extent will the investigation will contribute to the process of civil procedural reform in the region?
• Gender Mainstreaming: when working on content, consider whether the topic has a different impact on men, women, and LGTBI persons; if so, in which way; paying special attention to that impact and when the difference turns into a discrimination or gender inequality; making an effort to come up with possible alternatives or proposals to deal with differential impact, etc.

2.c. Selection Process

A two-stage selection process is applied. At the first stage, several applicants will be selected to participate in the second stage of the process, an interview. Interns will be chosen from among those applicants granted an interview.

Stage 1

In making Stage 1 selections, JSCA pays special attention to balanced gender participation. In addition, an appropriate application of gender perspective on the topic will be specifically considered. Preference will be given to candidates with research projects experience related to the civil procedure or who plan to work in institutions focused on related topics.

Finally, it is important that applicants can guarantee that they will be available to complete the internship between March 2 and March 13, 2020.

Stage 2

All applicants must be proficient in written and spoken English. Applicants selected at Stage 1 will be asked to participate in a phone interview in English in order to expand about the chosen topic and research proposal, as well as verify that they speak English fluently and would be able to successfully complete the internship, being capable of holding detailed conversations about law in English (this is mandatory).

Selected participants will also be asked to submit a short personal biography and a CV (English and Spanish version).

3. INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

Interns will receive the following:

• Roundtrip airfare between their home country and Canada.
• Lodging during the internship.
• A per diem to cover meals and transportation during the internship (covers basic meals and transportation for official activities).
• A letter of Introduction provided both from JSCA and Osgoode Hall Law School for Interns to use to contact people to set up their own interviews.

The interns must cover their visa and health insurance costs during their stay in Canada. As such, they are responsible for applying for, processing and securing the respective visas including visas for countries such as the United States that require that passengers with layovers in their territory secure a visa.

Osgoode Hall Law School will provide interns access to library resources, including digital resources and internet access; a designated faculty member contact; and, access to research-related and community events.

4. INTERNS’ DUTIES

Interns are expected to arrange their own interviews and appointments with practitioners and/or members of the judiciary they wish to meet with during their internship, using the letter of introduction provided by
JSCA and Osgoode. It is suggested that the Interns schedule these meetings well in advance of the internship period. For faculty Osgoode members, Osgoode will seek to introduce Interns and those faculty members the Intern identified in their application as faculty who the Intern would like to discuss their research with or interview.

After finishing the two-week internship, and having returned to their home countries, each Intern must submit a report on the experience and the results of the research conducted, which may be published or further disseminated under the Intern’s name.

5. DEADLINES

Applications will be received until October, 1st.

Preselection and phone interviews with candidates will be conducted between 21st and 25th, October.

The final decision will be communicated to successful applicants by November 1st.