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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Amnesty International seeks a policy analyst who will contribute to research and advocacy projects in Amnesty’s Freedom of Expression pathway. We are particularly interested in engaging the incoming fellow with projects in one of the two following areas: Women’s health and reproductive rights, especially the human rights impact of punitive policies regulating sexuality and reproduction; or the effects of international agreements regulating technology and trade, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership process and similar agreements. Please indicate the project area that you are qualified for in your cover letter.

The primary goals of either set of projects will be to support and build upon existing human rights initiatives (particularly through advocacy and other strategic initiatives) and aid civil society partners who have engaged in such advocacy for decades.

The fellow will support this work by:

- assessing legislation, policies, practices, and relevant proposals relating to the focus of the project;
- tracking other developments relating to the particular project, collecting information from a wide variety of sources, including official documents, government officials, nongovernmental organizations, journalists, and local media;
- documenting human rights abuses by conducting interviews with victims and witnesses;
- identifying concrete, practical recommendations for change;
- producing reports, briefing papers, letters, op-eds and news releases, and other documents based on research and analysis of developments relating to the focus of the project;

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• presenting research findings and analysis to government officials, inter-governmental agencies, and other policy makers;
• working closely with partner organizations to ensure that Amnesty International’s work complements their efforts; and
• collaborating with and supporting colleagues in Amnesty International’s secretariat and sections.

QUALIFICATIONS

• A Ph.D. in the humanities or humanistic social sciences
• Ability to identify, research, analyze, and effectively communicate important human rights developments in the area of specialty in a timely and sophisticated fashion
• Ability to conduct interviews with victims and witnesses of human rights abuses, relatives of victims, perpetrators of abuses, government officials, representatives of diplomatic missions, academic and other experts, and others
• Ability to identify and advise on promising advocacy approaches
• Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and strong organizational skills
• Capacity to think creatively and strategically, to work independently and as a part of a team, and to work effectively under pressure
• The ability to work in one or more languages other than English is desirable.

APPLICATIONS

• Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
• All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org).
• Application deadline: March 27, 2013

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