

Annual Human Rights Advocates Program at Columbia University

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The application for the 2010 session of the annual Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) at Columbia University is now available. We would like to ask you to disseminate this information and application to human rights activists based in the Global South as well as grassroots activists in the United States.

The application is available online at <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/apply/>. This web-based format is the only version of the 2010 application.

HRAP is designed to prepare proven human rights leaders from the Global South and marginalized communities in the U.S. to participate in national and international policy debates on globalization by building their skills, knowledge, and contacts. The Program features a four-month residency at Columbia University in New York City with a structured curriculum of advocacy, networking, skills-building, and academic coursework.

The four-month intensive capacity building program based at Columbia University in New York focuses on the following key issue areas:

- * Environmental injustice
- * Labor rights violations
- * Ramifications of resource extraction
- * Public health crises
- * Unsustainable development
- * Intolerance, xenophobia, and social exclusion

Special attention is given to the above issues and their intersection with gender, race, ethnicity, sexual identity, and/or other sources of marginalization.

Participants are selected on the basis of their previous work experience on human rights, commitment to the human rights field, and demonstrated ability to complete graduate-level studies. Advocates must originate from and reside in either the Global South or the United States. Fluency in English is required. Advocates must secure institutional endorsement from their organizations for their participation in the Program and must commit to returning to that organization upon completion of the Program. If accepted, they must also commit to participating in the program fully.

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 December 31, 2009. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The 2010 HRAP will take place from late August to the middle of December 2010.

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

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
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