Center for Human Rights

Call for Application
Short-term Research Stay

1. Background

The Centre for Human rights (CHR) was established as academic unit of Addis Ababa University with the mission of advancing the rule of law, democratic governance and human rights in Ethiopia. The Centre realizes its mission through Master of Arts and PhD programs in Human Rights, promotion of human rights research and community services.

It aims to provide quality and rigorous education in human rights as a subject of multidisciplinary inquiry. To this end, it engages academics and researchers from various disciplines, including law, political science, philosophy, sociology and development studies. Currently, the Centre as part of its community services objectives is working to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights of women, children, persons with disabilities, workers and migrants.

In view of that it is seeking to implement an international visiting researcher program that aims to bring diversity of perspectives and share experiences in teaching and research in human rights.

2. Objectives

The program is organized to host international researcher and provide opportunities for mutual knowledge sharing and experience exchange in the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. Proposed Tasks

The researcher is expected to carry out the following major tasks:

- Identify research topics and develop research proposals in human rights (focus on the rights of women, children, persons with disability, workers or migrants).
- Participate in the delivery of lectures/seminars to MA and PhD students of the Centre;
- Provide public lectures in their field of specialization to the university community;
- Participate in departmental or interdisciplinary program seminars;
- Mentor Ph.D students to provide an opportunity to learn, improve their research skills and support their professional development;
- Identify opportunity for institutional partnership and initiate collaborative research with members of the Centre;

- Share experience on scientific research methods to better identify human rights problems and promote a deeper understanding of human rights.
- Submit report on her/his experience of the visit and tasks accomplished.

4. Eligibility

Applicants to the international visiting researcher program must, at least:

- Possess PhD (in the fields of human rights law, political science, philosophy, peace and security studies, sociology, or anthropology) at the time of application.
- Pursue an independent research project on issues related to socio-economic rights, human rights and conflict, and promotion and protection of the rights of women, children, persons' with disability, workers, or migrants.
- Be able to participate in teaching and project activities of the Centre as assigned by person in charge of management of the program.
- Has interest in identifying future collaborative research.
- Be able to undertake tasks in programs run with English as a medium of instruction.
- University teachers and researchers who are active at a research institution are encouraged to apply.

5. Duration of the program

The visiting researcher will be accepted on a competitive basis for a period of 21 consecutive days due to take place from September 15- November 15, 2024.

6. Expenses covered by the Center

The Center will:

- Cover all travel expenses (return air ticket and local transportation as necessary).
- Provide daily allowance and accommodations.
- Assign a focal person so as to facilitate the program.
- Assist visitor in facilitating entry to Ethiopia

7. Application process

Application must be submitted to Ruth Neberu, CHR-STRACE Project Coordinator (Sub-Project I and II) at ruth.neberu@aau.edu.et or centerforhumanrights@aau.edu.et not later than 30 August 2024.

The application should consist;

- A cover letter explaining why the Center for Human Rights of Addis Ababa University is an appropriate setting for her/his visiting international Scholarship.
- Brief description of activities he/she intends to carry out during her/his stay at the Center.
- Current curriculum vitae.

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