



CAD Ciudadanos al Día: 2010 Legal Research Fellowship Positions in Peru

CAD Ciudadanos al Día is offering research and internship opportunities to current graduate and law students for ten week summer positions, for shorter-term positions during winter recess, and for longer positions of up to six months. On a case by case basis, Fellows may request to complete their projects during the Fall or Spring semester and/or for alternate lengths of time.

Since 2003, CAD has been inviting graduate students to conduct research at its offices in Peru as part of a structured research and internship program. Past Fellows have been instrumental in providing the conceptual thinking in order to launch new initiatives and in evaluating and improving current projects.

What is CAD?

Since its founding in 2002, *Ciudadanos al Día* (CAD) has sought to revolutionize the relationship between citizens and their government in Peru. CAD, a Peruvian activist NGO based in Lima, works to improve the citizen-state relationship at all levels of government office by introducing interventions which lead to a state that is more transparent, efficient and equitable, and to a citizenry that is more informed, demanding and engaged. CAD's newest initiative, Self-Regulating Lawyer Ethics Project, is an innovative initiative to create enforcement for legal ethics in Peru.

CAD's innovation is having an impact and gaining national and international recognition. In a 2007 survey of Peruvian policy makers, CAD ranked among the top six most influential NGOs in Peru. CAD is implementing its innovative project model with funding from such diverse development organizations as L'Agence Canadienne de Développement International (ACDI), Ford Foundation, National Endowment for Democracy, Open Society Institute, Tinker Foundation, and the World Justice Project of the American Bar Association.

Logistics and application information:

Period of Assignment: 2-4 weeks for winter internships; 10 weeks for summer internships; up to six months for longer positions

Applications: To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume/CV to Caroline Gibu, General Manager, at cgibu@ciudadanosaldia.org. Please indicate in your cover letter the dates you are available and the position for which you are applying.

Qualifications: Law student or Masters Degree student in Law and/or Related Field; fluency in English with excellent writing skills; Spanish language skills ideal; professional and academic experience in legal research, designing educational programs and/or in training of professionals; interest in issues of legal professional ethics and law and legal practice in developing countries and low rule of law settings.

Position Descriptions: Developing Ethics for Lawyers in Peru

Peru suffers from weaknesses in enforcing legal ethics, high levels of corruption, and low levels of citizen trust in lawyers and the legal profession. CAD's innovative, new Code of Ethics project addresses these challenges through a series of innovative interventions that change the incentives lawyers face to act ethically and capitalizes on the market power of national and international firms to join the fight against corruption and unethical legal practices. The project unites lawyers, academics, and students to push forward a new self-regulating system to strengthen legal ethics in Peru. Research Fellows will have the opportunity to provide theoretical inputs and practical design guidance into the project.

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Several options for contribution exist. First, Peru lacks clear ethical guidelines for specific practice areas, so one area of need is the development of practice-specific knowledge and guidelines. Research Fellows will work within a specific practice area of a major Peruvian law firm or legal department, directly collaborating with a firm partner to identify the most pressing ethical issues and best practices for the practice area. Fellows can gain exposure to legal practice in a civil law jurisdiction and will gain expertise through immersion in a single practice area. Alternatively, Fellows can be placed in the CAD office in Lima, where they can both conduct research and be actively involved in the implementation of the project, guiding program development and meeting actively with CAD partners.

Furthermore, a crucial component of the Code of Ethics project is the development of the country's first ethics continuing legal education (CLE) programs, for which Fellows can provide research and curriculum development. Fellows will research U.S. ethics case law and legal ethics scholarship, especially around a legal area of their interest, then apply and adapt their research to create continuing legal education programs that fit within the legal context of Peru, including developing a 6-hour training kit for lawyers in their practice area.

Through their research and project development, Fellows will not only gain a critical understanding of ethical issues in multiple legal systems, but will also actively play a role in advancing legal ethics in Peru. By working with both the private and public sectors, CAD fellows will see all aspects of the multilateral effort for legal ethics development in Peru.

Remuneration and Additional Information:

CAD does not pay an honorarium or otherwise provide monetary compensation to Fellows. Fellows are expected to cover their expenses traveling to and from Lima as well as their housing, local transportation and incidentals while living in Peru.

While Fellows are expected to manage and pay for their housing arrangements, CAD can provide logistical support in locating safe, affordable short term housing.

All Fellows will be based in CAD's office in Lima, except for those Fellows placed with our partner law firms. CAD will provide Fellows with pleasant, modern office space (including high-speed, wireless internet) and an enjoyable work environment with a diverse, innovative, and very collegial staff. Fellows will be assigned their own CAD email accounts upon arrival. Fellows are requested to bring their own laptops.

Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of their time in Lima to learn about Peru and law, development and policy issues as they play out in the Peruvian context. Fellows will be provided with an orientation program in which they meet with Peruvian lawyers, policy makers, economists and development professionals. CAD encourages Fellows to engage with Peruvian peers in their field of interest and will be happy to assist Fellows in making additional contacts with area professionals.

Additional information about CAD's work may be found at its website: www.ciudadanosaldia.org. Information about the Fellows program can be found at: <http://www.ciudadanosaldia.org/srf/default.htm>. Applicants are encouraged to review CAD's programming, especially as it pertains to their proposed project, prior to applying. Questions may be directed to Caroline Gibu, General Manager, at cgibu@ciudadanosaldia.org.

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