



Humanity in Action

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Call for Applications 2007 American Program in New York

Core Program: July 7 – August 11, 2007

Internships for selected American Fellows in Berlin: August 13-November 10

Application Deadline is February 7, 2007
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The HIA American Program

HIA is pleased to announce its 2007 program on Diversity in America. As a nation of immigrants, constitutionally dedicated to the ideals of liberty and equality, the United States is one of the most diverse industrial nations in the world. It is also a nation whose commitment to diversity as a communal ideal is explicit, deeply rooted and flawed. In the Humanity in Action American Program, thirty students (“Fellows”) will study the legal, social, cultural, religious, and political conditions that promote, sustain, regulate, protect, and threaten diversity in the United States.

The HIA American Program is designed to promote and facilitate an ongoing trans-Atlantic dialogue about the challenges that democratic societies encounter as they experience new degrees and forms of diversity. The goal is to reinforce the HIA Fellows' commitment to democratic values and human rights; to encourage American and European students to further develop leadership qualities; and to foster a growing international community bound together by these commitments.

Fellows from the USA and Europe will take part in a five-week educational program in New York City. Upon completion of the core program, Fellows from Europe will be assigned internships in non-governmental organizations whose activities are oriented to minority issues in the United States. Internships will commence on August 13 and end October 12, and will be located in New York and San Francisco. Six Fellows from the United States will be selected for internships in human rights organizations in Berlin. Proficiency in the German language is helpful but not required for these internships. Berlin internships will commence August 13 and end November 10. The three internship programs will be supplemented by weekly lectures series.

HIA Fellows are expected to put their knowledge into practice. During the core program, the Fellows will develop projects to engage human rights or minority issues in their home institutions or communities. After the core program, HIA supports Fellows' continuing involvement in minority and human rights issues through prestigious national and international internships, a trans-Atlantic professional network, and Senior Fellows Associations in the United States and Europe.

Previous Fellows have used the knowledge and experience gained in HIA programs to further their educational and career goals in public service, journalism, medicine, law, education, the arts, and business. Although Humanity in Action inculcates and promotes active and continuous engagement by Fellows in issues regarding democratic societies and minority rights, it is important to note that Humanity in Action is not an activist training program or organization.

Who can apply?

Any matriculated undergraduate who is a sophomore, junior, or senior at an accredited, four-year college or university in the United States (irrespective of the applicant's nationality) is eligible to apply. HIA seeks students from all backgrounds who are mature, self-reliant, and comfortable in intensive group activity and interaction. All majors and academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

HIA does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity, religion, political party, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or financial ability. Fellows will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, evidence of leadership potential, interest in minority issues, and demonstrated commitment to human rights.

The HIA national planning board will select 12 Fellows from the United States. They will be joined in New York by 18 Fellows from Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands, and Poland.

Costs

To ensure participation of all qualified students, HIA pays for travel and accommodation related to its educational programs. Fellows should plan to bring spending money for meals and social activities not provided by HIA during the core program (approximately \$500 U.S.).

HIA pays for travel associated with the internship phase for European participants. Fellows must, however, make arrangements for their own housing and living expenses during the internship period (approximately \$1,500 per month).

HIA pays for travel costs associated with the Berlin internships and provides a modest subsidy for housing and local transportation during the internships. Fellows must arrange to pay the costs of meals and other living expenses.

The HIA American Program is supported by grants from the Ford Foundation and The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. The Berlin internships are supported by the European Recovery Program and administered by HIA-Germany.

How to apply

Please visit our website www.humanityinaction.org for application guidelines and forms.

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