

Internship/Externship Opportunity with the AIRE Centre in London, UK

This is a unique opportunity to gain direct hands-on experience in standard setting in the two European legal orders, litigation before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and the Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) and to provide direct advice to individuals to ensure European law works in practice for the benefit of all.

Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 (11:59 pm)

Ms. Nuala Mole, the Founder of the AIRE Centre and now its Senior Lawyer after nearly two decades as its Director, will be at the Law School in early February to interview a selection of student candidates interested in non-credit summer 2020 internships or for-credit externships in Fall 2020 or Winter 2021. If you wish to pursue an externship for academic credit and are selected by Ms. Mole, you need to comply with the externship guidelines and requirements, which may be obtained from Trudy Feldkamp (tfeldkam@umich.edu) in the Office of Student Life (316 Hutchins Hall).

Internship Description:

Interns will be engaged in research and drafting of advice required by particular cases as well as responding to inquiries received through the telephone advice line. Interns will also be required to work on individual projects or, if the timing is appropriate, to research and draft submissions to the two European Courts or to domestic courts considering European law issues. Interns may also become involved in the Centre's policy and standard setting work. Additionally, interns should be prepared to turn their hands, as the Centre's entire staff does, to whatever mundane tasks the circumstances require; the Centre does not have a support staff.

Desired Qualifications:

Qualified candidates will have a familiarity with International Law and have studied or plan to study Human Rights law and/or the law of the European Union. Students should be adaptable, cooperative, quick learners with a demonstrated serious commitment to providing first class service for the benefit of the marginalized and excluded people of Europe. Knowledge of a second European language is desirable but not essential.

The summer internship will last for approximately eight weeks, beginning in May through July, unless otherwise arranged with Ms. Mole.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying for an internship or externship with the AIRE Centre, please submit the following items **electronically** via Symplicity by Wednesday, January 15, 2020 (11:59pm):

1. A short statement of interest
2. Resume
3. Law School unofficial transcript (grades not yet posted by 1/15/20 will be verified by administrators during the selection process)
4. Writing sample of **no more than 3 pages**. This can be an excerpt from a longer paper – 1Ls may submit a paper written for an undergraduate course that well represents your writing and analytical abilities.
5. Please indicate weekday times you might expect to be available for an interview during the Winter Semester. Ms. Snook will contact candidates prior to Ms. Mole's arrival to schedule interview appointments. (She is tentatively scheduled to visit Ann Arbor during the last week of January.)

(Please submit #4 and #5 on separate pages in one PDF)

Funding and Logistics

Two Michigan Law students selected for non-credit summer internships will receive stipends of \$6,000 from the Law School. Should additional internships be offered after stipend recipients have been determined, other students will be eligible to apply for a Student-Funded Fellowship or the International Institute's Individual Fellowship as an alternative to the Law School stipend.

Students selected for an externship for academic credit should obtain approval of their externship proposal pursuant to the externship guidelines available in the Student Life office as well as see the Financial Aid Office to determine their financial aid eligibility for the semester abroad.

For More Information:

The following Michigan Law students and alumni recently worked as interns at the AIRE Centre and have agreed to be contacted regarding questions from prospective applicants:

- **Summer 2017:** Erin Hoya (ehoya@umich.edu) and Audrey Telfer (aetel@umich.edu)
- **Summer 2018:** Mine Orer (morer@umich.edu)
- **Summer 2019:** Hailey Cherepon (hcherepo@umich.edu) and Rana Eid (ranaeid@umich.edu)

The AIRE Centre

Among its many accolades in public international law in the last two decades, the AIRE Centre was shortlisted in 2017 by the Financial Times for the Innovative Lawyer Awards for the European region for their groundbreaking work on Separated Children in Judicial Proceedings. Its founder, Nuala Mole, was personally granted the European Innovative Lawyer of the Year Award for 2017.

The AIRE Centre runs an advice service primarily concerned with the right to reside and to access social benefits for those whose situations are regulated by EU law. Since the BREXIT referendum in June 2016, there has been a significant rise in requests for advice from EU citizens worried about their post-BREXIT status in the UK. Interns are expected to assist with this work and will receive training to do so.

The Centre's wider work, including its litigation and policy work, is concerned with all aspects of individual rights in Europe under international law: family law, particularly cross border issues such as international child abduction, all aspects of separated children's rights including in relation to prisoners and their families, trafficking and domestic violence in a cross border context. The Centre was recently awarded a grant by the European Commission to carry out a two-year project in four countries on separated children in a wide range of judicial proceedings.

The AIRE Centre does not deal with matters that fall exclusively within domestic UK law. In fact, it has worked in 43 countries across Europe. It operates a specialized **Rule of Law Program in the Western Balkans**, particularly the former Yugoslavia, primarily directed to judges, and hosts an annual Rule of Law Forum each March in the region, attended by the presidents of the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of all the countries as well as the national judges on the European Court of Human Rights.

The Centre's lawyers have written handbooks for the Council of Europe on the Right to a Fair Trial, Asylum and the ECHR (five editions), the Rights of the Child, and a manual for training public officials across Europe on the ECHR. Additional contributions include volumes on counter-terrorism for the Oxford University Press and a handbook on Border Controls, Immigration and Asylum at the request of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the European Court of Human Rights. Its lawyers are in great demand as expert speakers at colloquia and seminars on European law both in Europe and the USA.

The AIRE Centre's policy is to foster cooperation and collaboration among European and US non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights, and it has a network of lawyers throughout Europe on whose expertise it can draw, as well as close personal contacts with all the relevant European institutions. The Centre tries to maintain links with all its former interns and has set up a not for profit sister organization (AIRE Centre USA) to assist in fostering those links with former interns in the USA.

More information about the Centre and its history is also available at www.airecentre.org