



Centre for
Refugee Research



Exciting Local Internship Opportunity - Centre for Refugee Research, Sydney Summer and Semester 1 2011

2011 Refugee Conference – Looking to the future, learning from the past

The Centre for Refugee Research is seeking interns to start work as early as February to assist in providing support to a major Refugee Conference to be held in June 2011.

2011 marks the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention, a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people displaced by persecution and in the development of an international human rights framework. It is also the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

The UNSW Centre for Refugee Research in partnership with UNHCR, the Refugee Council of Australia and other key refugee advocates and practitioners is convening a Conference in June 2011 to mark this anniversary. The Conference will provide a timely opportunity to reflect on the strengths and achievements of the Refugee Convention and refugee protection system, and to consider what further action is needed to secure the rights of refugees during flight, in countries of asylum and in resettlement.

The four day conference program will include plenary sessions and workshops, as well as a series of dialogues with a strong focus on the Asia Pacific region. The dialogues will include a youth forum and academic workshop, as well as a much anticipated women's dialogue. Participants will be invited to engage in these events and debates as a means to showcase good practice and inform the national and international policy frameworks over the coming decade.

Interns will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of roles.

Tasks include:

- Researching and preparing funding proposals.
- Preparation of conference materials including background research.
- Supporting the refugee representatives with research, report writing, preparing presentations and fundraising.
- Providing research support and assistance to conference committee members.

- Attending training sessions and conference meetings. These will be held monthly from early 2011 and more frequently immediately prior to the conference. Interns will be linked to one of the conference sub committees or conference partners.
- Documenting the conference proceedings.
- Contributing to the conference report and outcomes.

Note: UNSW students can choose to undertake this placement as part of an internship or project course component of their Master of Social Development or Master of Arts Development Studies program. All students enrolled in a course component will be required to complete training, hurdle requirements and an assessable component. Further information on course requirements is available upon request.

Application Procedure

For further information on these internship opportunities, please contact Effie Mitchell on 9385 1961 or e.mitchell@unsw.edu.au from January 26th onwards.

To find out more information on the conference, please visit our website at:
<http://refugeeconf2011.arts.unsw.edu.au/>