

PHRGE Fellowship Application Instructions

➤ General Information

- Every quarter the [Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy \(PHRGE\)](#) offers human rights fellowships to outstanding JD and LLM students to defray the costs of unpaid human rights co-ops. Recipients receive a \$3500 award, typically in the form of financial aid.
- Please note that a student may not receive a PHRGE Fellowship and an additional NUSL-based co-op stipend in the same quarter.
- Beginning in the fall of 2019, PHRGE will typically award two unrestricted fellowships (i.e., fellowships open to JD students and to LLM students) each quarter. In addition, PHRGE will typically award one restricted LLM fellowship (i.e., a fellowship open only to LLM students) per year. Restricted LLM fellowships are funded by the LLM office and administered by PHRGE.
- [PHRGE staff members](#) process fellowship applications and recommend award recipients. [PHRGE's Faculty Co-Directors](#) make the final award decisions.
- **PHRGE seeks a dynamic and diverse group of fellows each year.**

➤ Application Information

- Information about deadlines is available on the PHRGE Fellowship website. ([phrge.net](#) > Fellowships).
- Applicants must first receive *and accept* a co-op offer before applying for a PHRGE Fellowship.
- Your application should consist of a single PDF file that contains, in the following order: (1) a cover letter, (2) your resume, (3) your “unofficial transcript,” and (4) your co-op evaluations. (A writing sample is no longer required.) Please note that your course evaluations should not be included in your application.
- Unofficial Transcript
 - You can access your unofficial transcript by logging onto [myNortheastern](#), navigating to “Service and Links,” selecting “Courses and Registrations,” and selecting “My Transcript.” Please create a PDF of the transcript by selecting “Print” and “Save as PDF.” The precise instructions for generating the PDF will vary with your operating system.
- Co-op Evaluations
 - If you are an LLM student, we will know that you are going on your only co-op. (It is not necessary to include a special letter explaining the situation.)
 - If you are a JD student and are missing one or more co-op evaluations, please explain why (e.g., first co-op, late evaluation) in your cover letter.
- Other Cover Letter Issues
 - Your cover letter is an important part of your application and will be read with care.
 - Cover letters should be addressed to Elizabeth Ennen, Director of PHRGE.
 - Your cover letter should include the following:
 - **your law school status (2L, 3L, or LLM) at the time of the fellowship co-op,**
 - your anticipated graduation month and year,
 - the name of your co-op employer, and
 - the location (**including the city**) of your co-op.

- It is important to describe the relationship between human rights and the work you will be doing on your co-op. If your co-op organization is not explicitly devoted to promoting human rights, please explain how your work there will promote human rights and further your understanding of human rights.
- You are invited, but not obligated, to self-identify with respect to diversity categories in your cover letter.

➤ **Submitting Your Application**

- Please remember to send your application as a single PDF. Software (Adobe Acrobat DC) is available on the computers in the law school's computer labs that will enable you to combine multiple documents into a single PDF.
- Please use your last name as the title of your application.
- Please use "PHRGE Fellowship Application" as the subject line for your email.
- Please email your application to Elizabeth Ennen, at e.ennen@northeastern.edu.

➤ **Evaluating Applications**

- PHRGE evaluates applications holistically. Relevant factors include the following:
 - The degree to which the applicant will be using human rights strategies (e.g., the use of international human rights treaties, participation in UN human rights reporting procedures) during the co-op;
 - Whether the applicant has excelled academically at NUSL and has performed well on NUSL co-ops;
 - Whether the co-op employer is on [PHRGE's Recommended Fellowship Organizations List](#);
 - Whether the applicant will be working in one of PHRGE's focus areas: economic, social, and cultural (ESC) rights in general; land and resource rights; the application of a human rights framework to domestic litigation; and the rights of noncitizens;
 - Whether the selection of the applicant would help PHRGE reach its goal of having a diverse group of fellows; and
 - The number of additional opportunities the student is likely to have to apply for a PHRGE Fellowship. (PHRGE may, in the case of comparable applications, privilege applications from students who are closer to graduation.)

➤ **PHRGE Fellowships and Financial Aid**

- Please note that your financial aid package may affect the way in which PHRGE Fellowship funds are disbursed. **In most cases, the fellowship award will be applied toward your student loan. It is important to consult proactively with the Financial Aid Office about this issue.**

- **For more information about the fellowship program, visit the [PHRGE fellowship website](#) or contact Elizabeth Ennen at e.ennen@northeastern.edu.**