

Innovative Human Rights NGO Seeks Communications Intern

About Asylum Access

Asylum Access is a leading refugee human rights organization headquartered in Oakland, CA with substantial operations and partnerships in countries across the world. Asylum Access is the only global organization working to make human rights a reality for refugees in first countries of refuge. Our unique combination of five integrated strategies provides grassroots assistance and changes the legal landscape for refugees and their host communities. By helping refugees assert their rights, we are putting power back into their hands. Our work transforms the traditional approach of endless humanitarian handouts to a sustainable solution that gives refugees the tools to provide for themselves and make choices about their own lives.

Asylum Access envisions a world where refugees are seen as people with rights, not just people with needs. Asylum Access believes that by empowering refugees to assert their human rights, we can create effective, lasting solutions for refugees around the world.

Position Description

Asylum Access is hiring for a communications intern to highlight the experience of refugees living in Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico. While the US news media cycle is focusing on those who arrive on US soil, there is another story to be told: the story of those who are impacted by the Trump administration's policies, but find themselves on Mexican soil, either by choice or through the Migrant Protection Protocol program. These women, men, boys, and girls are facing a situation where they are unable to rebuild their lives because of uncertainty created by rapidly changing policies that don't take their human rights into account. Asylum Access is working to change this reality, and documenting and sharing the situation is critical for ensuring that the wider public understands and responds to these refugees.

This intern will work alongside our seasoned lawyers in Tijuana and Mexicali, and in other key spaces, to document these experiences through social media, op-eds, and e-blasts. We're looking for someone who is passionate about refugee protection, an excellent storyteller, savvy about social media, and an eye for compelling photography.

Compensation

This intern must be located in or near San Diego, Tijuana and must be willing to travel once or twice per week to Tijuana. Travel costs will be reimbursed.

Essential Job Responsibilities

- Manage Asylum Access's social media presence related to refugee protection, including Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

- Document refugee experience through photos and stories, ensuring confidentiality requirements are respected in order to keep refugees safe
- Work with Asylum Access staff in Mexico and the US to develop a strong voice for Asylum Access's social media presence; where possible, make recommendations on social media strategy and next steps
- Propose and support the authorship of op-ed subject matter based on experiences documenting border activity
- Research op-ed placement in US media

Required Qualifications

- Strong interest in refugee human rights
- Strong writing and storytelling skills
- Mastery of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Fluency in English and Spanish
- Ability to work with diverse individuals and groups; candidate must be culturally sensitive

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with photojournalism
- Experience working with organizational social media accounts

Application Instructions

Send your resume, cover letter and a short writing sample to apply@asylumaccess.org. In your cover letter, please describe your reasons for applying, relevant qualifications, and how you learned about the position.

Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applicants in need of accommodation during the interview can contact HR at apply@asylumaccess.org.

Asylum Access is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. For more information about our organization, visit www.asylumaccess.org