

PHRGE Scholar Award Application Instructions (Formerly PHRGE Fellow Application Instructions)

➤ General Information

- Every term, the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy (PHRGE) offers financial support to outstanding JD and LLM students to help defray the costs of unpaid human rights co-ops.
- Due to a change in the way that PHRGE provides financial support for human-rights co-ops, students who receive such support will now be known as "PHRGE Scholars." All PHRGE Scholars will be invited to join the PHRGE Fellowship, a group of current and former PHRGE Fellows and PHRGE Scholars.
- Recipients receive a minimum of \$3500 of financial support. Under a pilot project involving the use of work-study funding to support unpaid co-ops, some recipients may receive a higher level of support.
- Please note that a student may not receive a PHRGE Fellowship and an additional NUSL-based co-op stipend in the same quarter.
- PHRGE generally awards two unrestricted fellowships (i.e., fellowships open to JD students and to LLM students) each term. In addition, PHRGE will typically award one restricted LLM fellowship (i.e., a fellowship open only to LLM students) per year.
- PHRGE staff members process 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.**

➤ Applying

- Information about deadlines is available on the [PHRGE Fellowship website](#).
- Applicants must first receive and accept a co-op offer before applying for a PHRGE Fellowship.
- All applications materials should be combined into a single PDF and emailed to Elizabeth Ennen at e.ennen@northeastern.edu.
- **Please use your last name (and only your last name) as the title of your application.**
- **It is critical to use "PHRGE Fellowship Application" as the subject line for your email. We search for applications using this subject line and we do not want to miss yours.**

➤ Application Materials

- 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.
- **Cover Letter**
 - 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 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.
- **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., late evaluation) in your cover letter.

➤ 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 PHRGE Scholars; and
 - The number of additional opportunities the student is likely to have to apply for a PHRGE Scholar Award. (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 Scholar Award funds are disbursed. **In most cases, the award will be applied toward your student loan.**
- **All PHRGE Scholars are required to consult with the Linda Schoendorf, the Director of Financial Aid, prior to receiving their funds.**

➤ **For more information about applying for a PHRGE Scholar Award, please visit the [PHRGE fellowship website](#) or contact Elizabeth Ennen at e.ennen@northeastern.edu.**