CHRHS Visiting Scholars Program

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies Visiting Scholars Program brings leading academics and practitioners to the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs to engage with our community, conduct research, and provide mentorship and teaching to both undergraduate and graduate students. Visiting Scholars can be academics on sabbatical, human rights or humanitarian practitioners working with local or international NGOs or UN agencies, or individuals working in relevant government agencies. We welcome both emerging and established scholars and practitioners whose research and practice are aligned with the Center’s priorities. Visiting Scholar appointments are possible via two tracks as laid out below:

Track 1: Part-Time / Full Year Appointment

This track option is designed for those that plan to continue working full-time with their employer while engaging with CHRHS on a part-time basis over the course of the fall and spring semesters.

Track 2: Full-Time / One Semester Appointment

This track option is designed for those that are on a sabbatical from their employer and have the ability to dedicate a full semester of their time with CHRHS. This could be in the fall or spring semester of the academic year.

Activities and Role of a CHRHS Visiting Scholar

Visiting Scholars in both tracks will engage in the following activities during their time at CHRHS:

- Lead an undergraduate study group: The central theme and format of the study group will be determined by the Visiting Scholar. Study group meetings will meet regularly in-person and/or virtually for the duration of the fall or spring semester.
- Public Facing Talks: Visiting Scholars will give 1-2 public facing talks during their appointment period. The events, which should focus on the topical area of the visiting scholar’s expertise, can be structured as a lecture or a panel discussion with a guest speaker/s.
- Provide mentorship: This includes mentorship and career advising of Brown University undergraduate and graduate students as well as other trainees (such as postdocs or residents). Visiting Scholars are encouraged to host office hours at designated times to consolidate their meetings with students and other trainees.
- Guest lecture in Brown University courses: Visiting Scholars will have the opportunity to deliver guest lectures in appropriate Brown University courses offered by CHRHS Affiliated Faculty. CHRHS will work to link Visiting Scholars with faculty teaching relevant courses based on their area of expertise.
- Collaborate on CHRHS research and training projects: Depending on their area of expertise, Visiting Scholars will have the opportunity to collaborate on current CHRHS research or training grants, including opportunities for publication and authorship.
- Conduct independent research: Visiting Scholars will receive up to $5,000 towards reimbursable research expenses per year to conduct their own independent research.
Logistics

Track 1

Visiting scholars will continue to reside in their current location but will make in-person trips to Brown during the academic year with travel expenses covered by CHRHS. The frequency of these trips will be established in consultation with CHRHS prior to the start of each academic semester. In-person visits will be supplemented by regular virtual office hours, teaching, and/or research.

Track 2

Visiting scholars that are dedicating a full semester with CHRHS will be based in Providence, Rhode Island for the duration of their appointment during the fall or spring semester. The visiting scholar will be responsible for securing their own housing arrangement.

*Please note that both tracks are unpaid appointments except for the $5,000 research stipend.*

For more information on the program please contact CHRHS Program Manager, Anne Sodipo (anne_sodipo@brown.edu)