



Reprive is an international human rights organization based in London that works with partner organizations including Reprive US (collectively “Reprive”) and other partners around the world. Founded in 1999, we provide free legal and investigative support to some of the world’s most vulnerable people: those who face the death penalty and those who are the victims of extreme human rights abuses committed by states in the name of “counter-terrorism” or “national security”.

We pursue strategic initiatives to end extreme human rights abuses through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and political advocacy. We work closely with our fellows and partner organizations around the world. We have 50 staff worldwide and engage fellows in Egypt, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Tanzania, Kenya, and Malawi.

Academic Fellowship Opportunities

Reprive is pleased to collaborate with law schools and universities to enable students to undertake placements with us, either in person or remotely

Reprive is interested in welcoming candidates to join a team focusing on one of the following four areas:

The Death Penalty

Reprive uses strategic initiatives to end the use of the death penalty. We fight to save individuals from execution, but also to challenge whole systems of injustice that result in the implementation of the death penalty by focusing on cases most likely to have a wide strategic impact.

We are on the frontline, investigating cases, tracking down evidence and witnesses, and working with attorneys to take action in the courts. We combine legal action with public campaigns and advocacy.

Secret Prisons

Reprive works to stop ongoing rendition, unlawful detention and torture/cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment carried out in the name of “counter-terrorism” or “national security”. Past secret prisons related fellowship projects have included working on cases of individuals detained in Guantánamo Bay, and individuals including families many of whom were trafficked—currently detained in Northeast Syria. We work on repatriating and resettling these individuals through a combination of law, policy, and media.

Extrajudicial Executions

Reprive works to end state-sanctioned extrajudicial executions carried out in the name of “counter-terrorism” or “national security”, including off-battlefield use of weaponised drones and the use of, or collusion with, other mechanisms for assassinations. Reprive is assisting survivors and victims’ families in their fight for legal accountability, transparency and justice. We are seeking an end to the use of extrajudicial execution and complicity in extrajudicial execution by state actors.

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Cross cutting advocacy fellowships

As well as working on individual cases and investigations, Reprieve advocates for systemic policy change to end states' use of capital punishment, extrajudicial executions, and secret prisons. We also campaign publicly and engage with the media around our cases and issues, fighting on behalf of our clients in the court of public opinion as well as the court of law.

Our policy and media work is closely integrated with our casework and strategic projects, and aims to secure changes in policy and public opinion across all of our key issues.

Reprieve's current policy goals include supporting legislation to abolish and restrict the scope of the death penalty; strengthening policies to prevent the sharing of torture tainted evidence; preventing US and UK complicity in overseas human rights abuses; and advocating for an end to state-sponsored extrajudicial executions.

Role and responsibilities

These will vary according to the applicant's experience, interests and the project devised. Broadly, academic fellows will be expected to:

- Conduct legal and/or factual research and analysis and develop theories to support new litigation projects and advocacy strategies;
- Draft memoranda and briefings;
- Interview witnesses and people who Reprieve assists with supervision;
- Draft and edit public education and non-litigation advocacy materials;
- Provide legal and research support to Reprieve partners;
- Attend meetings and/or conferences as needed, and be an ambassador for Reprieve and its partner organizations.

Experience and qualifications

- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and judgment
- Agility, creativity and the ability to work efficiently with limited supervision
- Skilled at complex analysis
- Self-motivated and able to manage a variety of tasks
- Knowledge of legal issues related to the death penalty, extrajudicial executions and illegal detention is desirable but not required
- Commitment to the mission of Reprieve

We also ask candidates to have a can-do attitude and to pitch in on a range of tasks at busy times.

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Funding and location

Reprieve does not provide direct funding for academic fellows. We accept applications to work at Reprieve that are funded by universities/public interest fellowships/scholarships or which attract academic credits that count towards completion of an individual's current tertiary level studies provided the fellowship takes place during term time. We do not accept applications for self-funded placements.

We are pleased to accept applications for remote placements or in-person placements at Reprieve's offices in London. Please note the following requirements in terms of funding:

- Fellows should receive funding that is equivalent to the living wage/minimum wage in the location where they will be based during the placement (unless academic credit is provided during term time).
- We accept that awards for remote placements may be lower, and are happy to discuss this on an individual basis
- For placements in the UK where the fellow does not have the right to work, the level of funding received can only equate to reasonable living expenses as a condition of a Tier 5 voluntary worker visa.

How to apply

As an initial step, and prior to applying to Reprieve, please liaise with:

- your university careers office; or
- the relevant scholarship or public interest fellowship coordinator/office; or
- the corporate social responsibility team at your organisation; or
- any other person responsible for coordinating voluntary placements at charitable organisations.

Please discuss your decision to apply to do a placement at Reprieve, and determine whether funding or academic credits are available. Once you are confident that funding, academic credits, or both are available for you to complete a placement with Reprieve for a period of at least three months, please send us your application, which should consist of:

- a cover letter of no more than one page including details of two academic or professional references
- a resume of no more than two pages
- [this application form](#)
- full details of the funding or academic credit that you are eligible for
- any preference for a remote or in-person placement

Please send your application to applications@reprieve.org with reference [Reprieve Seasonal Placement] in the subject line. Please include information about whether you will need visa sponsorship in your application, as well as information about any other nationalities you may hold.

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Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and subject to visa requirements, funding checks, references and identity checks. **Interviews will normally take place via zoom.**

This role description provides a general but not comprehensive list of the essential responsibilities and qualifications that may be required. It does not represent a contract of employment. Reprieve reserves the right to change the role description and/or posting at any time without advance notice.

This placement opportunity is posted by Reprieve, a UK registered charity (No. 1114900). This placement opportunity is also available with our sister organisation, Reprieve US, a registered US 501(c)(3) charity in New York.

When you supply us with information about you ('Personal Data') we will use your Personal Data strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Reprieve is the data controller and will only use or pass on to our partner organisations your Personal Data in order to perform our obligations and services to you, in this case, considering your application. We may send your Personal Data to Reprieve US - an independent public charitable organisation with a similar mission to Reprieve UK – or to one of our other partner organisations, in the event that you specifically elect for your application to be considered by those organisations and provided to them over email (see above). In such an instance, you are aware that those countries may not have an adequate level of data protection legislation in relation to the processing of personal data.

Your application will be destroyed when it is no longer required for application and shortlisting purposes.

Reprieve is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from people from diverse backgrounds, including from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds.

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