

Zolberg IRC Fellowship: President's Office
Focus Area: Migration and Humanitarian Policy

Project Aim: Foundational research on migration and humanitarian policy to support the President's Office at the IRC

Desired range of dates: November - January (3 months) with possibility to extend

Project Description: The President's Office in the IRC is currently engaged in a series of forward-thinking policy discussions examining the evolution of trends in conflict, displacement, and crisis relief. As the IRC pursues a goal of becoming a policy and thought leader in the humanitarian aid community, engaging with these challenging, cross-cutting policy issues will be critical. This fellow will help achieve that goal by focusing on the following:

1. Help identify key policy debates in the conflict, displacement, and crisis relief space where there has been insufficient critical thinking, but are likely to gain importance over the next decade.
2. Research these policy issues, including developing a literature review and identifying key subject matter experts.
3. Synthesize research and present information in both written and oral form to an interdepartmental team, highlighting key points of debate that IRC organizational leadership should discuss in greater depth.
4. Based on emerging policy themes and issues you identify, outline 3-5 potential promising new areas of research or innovation that can be taken forward by IRC's Research Evaluation and Learning unit, and by the Airbel Center, IRC's in-house innovation unit
5. Assist the President's Office with additional administrative tasks and short-term research as necessary.

This fellow would get the opportunity to work directly with the IRC's executive leadership on key policy debates within the migration and humanitarian community. They would get the opportunity to help the president's staff develop a research plan to explore emerging policy issues and generate a conversation within the organization on to best approach these issues.

Potential travel involved: N/A

Student skillsets sought: Humanitarian policy, migration and refugee policy, conflict studies, professional writing, organizational and administrative skills; Some past experience at a think-tank, writing policy briefs, and supporting executive policy discussion preferred

Reports to: Sarah Case, Director for Policy and Planning; Ken Sofer, Policy and Planning Officer