



Hernando de Soto Fellowship at the Property Rights Alliance (PRA)

About

Property Rights Alliance (PRA) in Washington, DC offers a fellowship to a graduate student interested in the areas of intellectual and physical property rights and global affairs. The fellowship is named after the world renowned economist and property rights advocate [Hernando de Soto](#) of Peru.

“Mr. de Soto is currently President of the ILD—headquartered in Lima, Peru— considered by The Economist as one of the two most important think tanks in the world. Time magazine chose him as one of the five leading Latin American innovators of the century in its special May 1999 issue “Leaders for the New Millennium”, and included him among the 100 most influential people in the world in 2004.” (Excerpt from ILD website)

PRA acknowledges the importance of research in the field of international private property rights and is proud to offer a fellowship to a highly qualified candidate each year. All individuals should have a strong background in international affairs and econometrics.

Fellowship

The aim of the fellowship is to offer a graduate student the opportunity to work independently in the area of private property rights and international affairs, in collaboration with prominent experts and institutions in the field.

The primary task during the fellow’s time is to create the International Property Rights Index (www.internationalpropertyrightsindex.org) for the current year. The index serves as a gauge of a country’s efforts to protect and promote physical and intellectual private property rights through sound policies, a strong legal framework and economic development.

Additionally, the fellow will work on one or more projects of his or her interest (time permitting). These will be agreed upon with PRA executive director Kelsey Zahourek prior to the fellowship and must be compatible with the organization’s principles and objectives. Lastly, the fellow will have the opportunity to attend meetings and conferences dealing with property rights held in the Washington, DC area.

Duration and Compensation

The fellowship takes place during the summer months and varies in duration from four to six months. Only one fellow is selected each session from a highly competitive field of international candidates. The fellow receives a \$2,000 stipend each month. In addition, the individual receives a one-time travel and housing stipend of \$2,000.

More on PRA

Property Rights Alliance is an affiliate of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a free-market, nonprofit organization that serves as a national clearinghouse for the grassroots taxpayers' movement. For more information, visit www.atr.org.

Established in 2005, PRA stands as an advocacy organization dedicated to the protection of physical and intellectual property rights in the domestic and international communities. For more information, visit www.propertyrightsalliance.org.

Information and Applications

Applications must be received by *April 1, 2010* for consideration for a fellowship during the 2010 summer/ fall session.

Please send via mail or email the following:

1. Your resume or curriculum vitae
2. A letter of recommendation from a member of your school or program's faculty. Additional recommendations may be submitted but please limit them to just one other.
3. A one page letter explaining your interest in this opportunity and why you should be selected for the Hernando de Soto Fellowship.

Please send all information to:

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