IMMIGRANT DEFENSE PROJECT REMOTE HOTLINE INTERNSHIP

The Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) is a national nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes fundamental fairness for immigrants accused or convicted of crimes. IDP seeks to minimize the harsh and disproportionate immigration consequences of contact with the criminal legal system by working to transform unjust deportation laws and policies, and by educating and advising immigrants, their criminal defenders, and other advocates.

IDP is now accepting applications from law students seeking internships for the upcoming winter/spring 2021 term. Given the current situation with COVID-19, all training and work would be done remotely for the foreseeable future. We ask that term-time interns commit at least 10 hours a week, but we are able to negotiate a more flexible schedule if needed.

Our interns get unique exposure to both the criminal justice and immigration systems and an opportunity to develop substantive legal expertise. Based on interns’ interests and program needs, potential projects for this term could include:

- Primarily supporting our national hotline--conducting phone screenings and intake interviews with hotline callers--including immigrants and their loved ones, attorneys, and advocates
- COVID-19 / prolonged detention issue-spotting and corresponding follow-up
- Provision of detailed legal analyses to hotline callers upon review with an attorney
- Support in our raids work, particularly monitoring ICE policing in NYC as reported through our hotline and other channels

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Karelle Fonteneau at internships[at]immdefense[dot]org with the subject line “Remote Hotline Internship Winter/Spring 2021”. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until position is filled, but we encourage you to apply early. Strong preference for Spanish fluency.