



## **Global Fund for Widows**

### **ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND**

The Global Fund for Widows (GFW) is an independent advocacy and action organization that works to improve the standard of living for widows and single mothers in the developing world. GFW provides these women critical access to capital by partnering with local NGOs to build microfinance banks. These banks operate using our own financial inclusion innovation and are called Widows' Savings and Loan Associations or WISALAs. GFW is currently assisting widows and single female heads of households in eight countries throughout the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. At the same time, GFW has piloted a human rights movement on behalf of these women, driving the international agenda on this important issue. GFW advocates for widows at the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly, as well as the U.S. Congress and Department of State. For example, GFW has played a critical role in convincing several governments to change inheritance laws impacting widows and supports UN Member States in including this human rights issue within their gender mainstreaming.

Global Fund for Widows is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with a track record of success in delivering meaningful change across the developing world.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS INTERN - Spring 2022**

#### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**New York City-based preferred, remote applicants welcome**

The Special Projects Intern ("the Intern") will work with GFW staff to support staff in executing the organization's communications and administrative functions, and to a lesser extent, its program operations. The Intern will be expected to manage GFW's social media presence across multiple platforms, including the development of graphics and blog pieces. We also anticipate that the Intern will contribute to GFW's participation at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and other advocacy within the UN, including attending relevant meetings and CSW side event preparations. There may be the possibility of working with staff to develop a research project to advance GFW's role as a thought-leader on widowhood in the international space.

We are seeking a full-time or part-time intern for the fall. We are looking for currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students who have a strong interest in, and commitment to, human rights, understanding of legal concepts and writing, and possess excellent organizational, research, and communication skills. While the internship will be mostly remote, ability to be in New York City to support in-person activities is an asset, but is not required.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Executing organizational social media strategy, including the development of graphics;
- Providing event planning and logistics support;
- Attending events, meetings, and other multilateral briefings on behalf of the organization;
- Conduct research on thematic topics related to GFW's priority work streams.

**DESIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Interest and experience in international human rights and sustainable development;
- Familiarity with international human rights law and peace & security frameworks, a plus;
- Excellent research, writing, and editing skills;
- Social media proficiency;
- Experience with graphic design tools and platforms, including Adobe InDesign;
- Fluency in a second language, especially Arabic, an asset;
- Ability to work independently or as a member of a team, with excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Strong attention to detail;
- Initiative and enthusiasm.

**EDUCATION:** Currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from, an accredited undergraduate or graduate university.

**COMPENSATION:** Unpaid or college credit

**START/END DATE:** 10 or 17 January 2022. End date flexible based on academic schedule.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 20 hours per week minimum, full time preferred.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** December 15, 2021

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Interested candidates should send a resume and academic writing sample in a single PDF to [marijke.kremin@globalfundforwidows.org](mailto:marijke.kremin@globalfundforwidows.org). In the body of your email please indicate if you are applying for a full or part time role, and preferred internship dates. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide feedback or responses to every application we receive.

GFW is committed to equal employment opportunity and recruiting talent from across all diverse groups. We do not discriminate against any person because of the individual's race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, affection preference, gender identity, marital status, national origin, citizenship status, disability, status as a war veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, or on any other basis prohibited by law. We believe a diverse staff and an inclusive work environment that welcomes a range of perspectives make us a stronger and more effective organization.