



**2017-2018 Application: Kenan Global Human Rights Scholars**

Completed applications should be sent to Suzanne Katzenstein at [sk272@duke.edu](mailto:sk272@duke.edu). Applications will be accepted until Monday, September 25th at noon. Please use this application form as the top page in your application packet. Please also include in your application packet (as one PDF file):

- your CV,
- transcript (unofficial is fine)
- and one or two writing samples (5 pages each).

**Name:**

**Year:**

**Major:**

**Email:**

The core of the project this year will involve monthly blogging on an issue. You will select the specific issue you would like to write about, and then will respond to specific prompts each month. What is issue you would like to focus on?

Examples include: (THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES, feel free to choose your own topic)

- Transgender rights in the U.S., specifically HB2 and similar legislation
- Religious freedom in (pick a country)
- Freedom of speech in (pick a country)
- Incarceration the U.S., specifically the use of solitary confinement
- Women's rights and the wage gap
- The Burkini Ban in France
- Truth and Reconciliation in (pick a country)
- Corporate Accountability in the financial sector etc

**What topic would you like to write about? What classes have you taken that relate to this topic?**

**Your task will be to respond to a monthly prompt that will be given to all Rights Writers. Example prompts are listed below. Please give one or two examples of a question that you would want to blog about, and that you think would be suitable for other topics as well.**

*-How is your topic being addressed by the electoral campaigns and presidential candidates? What's surprising about the candidates' positions and treatment of your topic?*

*-Analyze what is happening in Congress (or the legislature of your country) related to the topic? Ie, what legislation is being debated? What big issues are on the horizon?*

*-Compare the strategies of two distinct NGOs regarding rights promotion for your topic. How do the strategies overlap and diverge – what explains these differences? Which strategy do you think seems more promising?*

**Please write an opening paragraph to your proposed blog question above.**

**Why are you interested in being a Global scholar? (please limit your answer to a paragraph).**

Please remember to attach your transcript, CV, and one or two writing sample to the end of this document.