



## Richard Fura Fellowships

### Call for Papers

September 16, 2010

#### Background

One Less stands for “one less victim,” and is a non-profit organization with 501 (c3) status that originated inside the classrooms of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) in Monterey, California in early 2008. The organization has also been established in Mexico in the summer of 2010 with the purpose of expanding its activities and collaboration with institutions abroad. We share the responsibility of working together with other key characters in the fight against human trafficking in order to find the appropriate solutions that ensure that current victims are taken care of and that future victims are prevented. As such, One Less’ mission is based on the three *E’s*; *educate the public, empower the vulnerable, and contribute to the eradication of the crime of human trafficking.*

One of the current projects of One Less is to do a documentary on human trafficking with a focus on sexual exploitation that will show all the factors that contribute to the perpetuation of this type of modern slavery. The film aims to uncover those systemic failures and weaknesses by finding powerful stories from victims of human trafficking, and ultimately provide solutions on how this atrocity can eventually be prevented and eradicated. One Less will be filming in four countries: the United States, Mexico, Colombia and India. Though the context of each country is vastly different, there is a common thread in that human trafficking is a result of and is perpetuated by endemic failures and systematic weaknesses of the political, social, judiciary and legal layout within each country. The different cultural, political and socio-economical contexts of these nations will serve to strengthen the resonance of the overarching message and the need for action. By understanding what human trafficking is, what it is not, how, where, and why it happens, one can begin to make a difference on a local and global scale.

#### Objectives

In framing the One Less strategy, we identified the need to work on all the root causes that allow for slavery to continue to exist and grow across the globe. As such, the documentary will be based on the personal stories of victims of human trafficking and interviews with law enforcement officers, social workers, and other relevant stakeholders will be carried out to



illustrate all the surrounding factors that left these victims vulnerable to falling preys of trafficking. We aim to create awareness and an adequate understanding of human trafficking; we want to provide the audience with individual roles and solutions in preventing the perpetuation of human trafficking; and we want to provide a way out for those who may be in a situation of sexual abuse and exploitation.

The Richard Fura Fund will award two research fellowships of USD 500 hundred to the winning papers. These funds must be utilized to support the fellow's education at MIIS. The content of the research papers will be used in the development of the documentary and participants should select either Mexico or India for their analysis. The research papers should include a situation analysis of human trafficking in the country of study, an analysis of the legal framework, a list and details about the institutions responsible for dealing with trafficking cases, a list of organizations working on victim assistance, prevention campaigns (if any) carried out in the past, a map of the areas where most sex trafficking takes place, and a clearly identified list of proposed government institutions, civil organizations or relevant stakeholders to be included in the interviews for the documentary.

The interviews for the documentary will partially be based on the research papers selected, and therefore the papers should try to address the following questions;

- What are the root causes of human trafficking in this country?
- What are the general attitudes and knowledge of human trafficking?
- What is the main profile of the trafficking rings in the country? (Provide examples)
- What are some of the main issues we could discuss in a public sphere to prevent more trafficking in persons from taking place in this country?
- Discuss the vulnerabilities of the country in a social and cultural context that makes it ripe for human trafficking to take place.
- Which government institutions would be good to have in the documentary and if we were able to interview officers from there, what are some topics we may want to discuss with them in terms of their work on human trafficking.
- What are some of the main limitations to preventing human trafficking and creating awareness?
- **For researchers writing about Mexico, the links between human trafficking and organized crime, as well as the current situation with the war on drugs and its impact on the incidence and combat of human trafficking must be address in the paper.**

The list above is not exhaustive or exclusive of any other information that the researcher may want to include.

Research papers submitted should include the following:



(1) the name(s), contact information, and CV(s) of the researcher(s); (2) one page executive summary; (3) table of contents; (4) properly cited references and footnotes; (5) a title for their research paper; (6) a signed copy of the letter of agreement.

One Less will not intend to publish the papers; authors are free to submit them for publication but will sign an agreement that the research can be used for the documentary. Researchers will also be recognized as collaborators of the documentary.

### **Paper Submission**

Completed research papers should be submitted by close of business (5pm Pacific Time Us & Canada) on December 10, 2010.

Papers should be sent to [stoptrafficking@oneless-unamenos.org](mailto:stoptrafficking@oneless-unamenos.org).

Research papers will be reviewed by the review committee of One Less and the winning papers will be selected according to the review criteria in set out above.

Any enquiries regarding this call should be sent to [alethia.jimenez@oneless-unamenos.org](mailto:alethia.jimenez@oneless-unamenos.org) or [adriana.taboada@oneless-unamenos.org](mailto:adriana.taboada@oneless-unamenos.org).

### **Selection Criteria**

1. Two winning research paper will receive 500 dollars that must be used to support their education at MIIS.
2. Winning papers will be selected based on the quality of the research, the analysis, and its relevance to the development of the documentary.
3. Proper citations, footnotes and referenced material will also be part of the evaluation.
4. Participants will receive notification of the results by the end of January 2011.

All evaluation criteria will have the same weighting.

### **Other engagement criteria,**

As part of this fellowship initiative One Less will submit a report for each winning fellow to the Global Scholarship Fund summarizing the impact of each fellow in the combat of human trafficking and winners will be announced in the One Less website at: [www.oneless-unamenos.org](http://www.oneless-unamenos.org).



**Letter of Agreement**  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ am submitting my research paper titled \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Research Fura Fellowship contest of fall 2010.

If selected as a winner, I agree for my research to be used in the development of a documentary  
by One Less on human trafficking.

I am aware that I will be recognized as a collaborator for this initiative and thus give permission  
for One Less to include my name in the credits of the documentary, announce the award in their  
website and make use of the submitted paper for the development and planning of the  
documentary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (telephone, mailing address & email) \_\_\_\_\_