



Kino Border Initiative  
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

## Summer 2019 Internship

### Florence Project/Kino Border Initiative

**FLORENCE PROJECT - TUCSON OFFICE**



### **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project (FIRRP) was founded in 1989 to respond to a representation crisis for indigent non-citizens detained at the rural Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center in Florence, Arizona. Through its programs today, the Florence Project provides services to the more than 4,000 men, women, and children that are detained in Arizona on any given day. The Florence Project is nationally known for its legal service delivery systems which ensure that detained people are empowered and have access to justice. The Florence Project provides high quality legal services and supports initiatives for national changes in immigration law and policy.

The Kino Border Initiative (KBI) is a binational, Catholic and Jesuit organization founded in 2008 and located in Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora. It focuses its work on humanitarian assistance, education, research, and advocacy to promote a humane, just, and workable migration policy. Humanitarian services include an aid center for recently deported migrants and migrants in transit in Nogales, Sonora, and a women's and children's shelter.

### **INTERNSHIP: TUCSON**

FIRRP and KBI have created a unique binational partnership to enhance representation of asylum-seekers detained in Arizona. The FIRRP-KBI legal intern will assist and report to the KBI Legal Fellow who provides direct representation to asylum seekers who initially received services at the KBI aid center in Nogales, Sonora, before presenting for asylum in the United States. The Fellow represents such individuals in the credible and reasonable fear processes, in immigration court for both removal and custody proceedings, and before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

The intern will have the opportunity to assist in all aspects of asylum litigation, including interviewing and working directly with clients, preparing asylum applications, drafting client declarations and legal filings for use in immigration court, researching novel asylum issues, conducting country condition research, legal writing, program development, advocating for clients' release from detention, and appellate research and writing. The intern, under the direction of the Fellow, will assist in advocacy efforts to protect and improve due process in the asylum process. This may include documenting cases in which individuals were wrongfully removed despite expressing fear to CBP. Schedule permitting, the intern may also have the opportunity to participate in community education workshops.

The intern will assist the Fellow in conducting presentations and individualized legal orientations at the KBI aid center for migrants in Nogales, Sonora, as well as over-the-phone consultations. Duties also include referring clients who are released from ICE custody to appropriate pro bono resources in their destination community when such resources are available.

This position is based out of FIRRP's Tucson office, but requires frequent travel to the detention facilities and Immigration Courts in Eloy and Florence and travel to the KBI aid center in Nogales, Sonora. The intern will be under the direct supervision of the Florence Project.

We are seeking interns who have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues and public interest law. Fluency or advanced proficiency in Spanish is required. Applicants must be able to work

independently and to handle multiple demands. Prior advocacy or academic experience in immigration law, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and experience working with people from different cultures are strongly valued. The ability to enter Mexico and re-enter U.S., lawfully and without undue delay, is required. Law student interns are preferred.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Candidates will be considered on an ongoing basis. To apply, email a detailed letter of interest, resume, list of references, and a writing sample to [jobs@firrp.org](mailto:jobs@firrp.org), with "Summer 2019 FIRRP/KBI Internship" in the subject line. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted and will be interviewed by telephone, or in person if possible. FIRRP and KBI value diversity in the workplace and strongly encourage applications from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, individuals with disabilities, and members of under-represented communities.