

## ICCompassion Immigrant Resource Center

ICCompassion is a faith-based, non-profit organization that engages culturally diverse communities to equip people to help them move out of poverty. The Immigrant Resource Center is ICCompassion's response to low-income immigrants in assisting them with their legal immigration needs. For the past four years, we have been approved by the Board of Immigration Appeals office in the Department of Justice to provide this legal service in Iowa City. With one attorney and two BIA recognized representatives, we have assisted immigrants from over 48 different countries with getting citizenship, family petitions, visas, and other immigration issues.

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**Project Information:** Students assist the Immigrant Resource Center with research needed for asylum and hardship cases. These cases are helped with additional evidence collected that supports the filing of the application.

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**Volunteer Responsibilities:** The main responsibility is to conduct Internet Research regarding supporting evidence of clients' claims of persecution and of hardships related to family separations. This work may involve evaluating the information for value to the client's case. Duties may include legal research but most of this research is related to issues of history, current country conditions and psychological issues related to trauma etc.

**Agency Responsibilities:** Assign and direct projects, be available as agreed upon for periodic progress checks. For case work, provide students with overview of the case and the evidence needed; give guidance about possible sources/strategies for research; be clear about deadlines.

**Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling:** The anticipated time commitment is 3-5 hours per week, but specific arrangements can be made based on schedules and other factors.

**Criteria:** One position is available.