

The Center for Peace & Global Citizenship Presents an Internship with



The [Council on American-Islamic Relations Pennsylvania](#) (CAIR-PA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), grassroots civil rights and advocacy group seeking a fellow to contribute to CAIR-Philadelphia's civic engagement work with Muslim-American audiences across Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Internship Description

The fellow is expected to help with program conception and implementation as well as with community engagement aspects rooted in community organizing ethos. We expect the fellow to also contribute to both limited in-person as well as digital organizing (creation of flyers/short-videos/ memes) efforts. The fellow will also help with CAIR-Philadelphia's new story-telling project, "Beyond Islamophobia: Storied of Resilience" that will tell legal and organizing/advocacy success stories in visual format. The fellow is also expected to help with our community organizing and defense work, and community curation (attend Zoom meetings, hold one-on-one meetings) to help with Aswat Hawasna, a project collaboratively run with artists Nora Elmarzouky and Yaqeen Yamani. Internship supervisor: Ahmet Selim Tekelioglu, PhD, Executive Director

CPGC's Fellowship Program

This funded opportunity is part of a larger [CPGC fellowship](#) that offers a preparatory and post-internship program, including individual guidance and peer support. Before applying, please carefully review [Key Commitments and Dates](#).

Partnership Application & Selection Process:

- Open to rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors
- Detailed application instructions can be found on [CPGC's website](#).
- All application materials are due **February 8, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. ET**.
- Address your Cover Letter to Ahmet Tekelioglu, and include times you are available for an interview the week of **February 15th**.
- Throughout the application period, all applicants should be certain to respond to queries, clarifications, or interview requests **within 24 hours or by the next business day**. Offers may be made soon after the interview, and students are encouraged to accept (or decline) promptly.

We encourage you to meet with an advisor to learn more and to get support. [Advising sessions can be scheduled in person or online](#). Reach out to previous Fellow Deyana Noor '27.

CPGC Fellowships include half-semester courses leading up to and following the summer, to help you prepare, connect, and reflect on your internship experience. If you are selected for this internship, you will be expected to enroll in *Global Solidarity*, *Local Action* course beginning after Spring Break, and *Work & Justice* course at the beginning of Fall semester.

Important Dates/Info for this Partnership

- This fellowship includes participation in the Philadelphia Orientation Program (POP) May 26-30, and an internship from June 1 - July 31, with the opportunity to continue working part-time throughout the academic year as a Philadelphia Justice & Equity Fellow (PJEF).
- POP is a week-long program led by CPGC and local partners and friends the week following Memorial Day: May 26-30, 2026.
- There is a hiring preference for people able to commit to the PJEF component, but students studying abroad for one semester of the following academic year or otherwise unable to continue past summer will be considered.

Philadelphia Justice & Equity Fellowship (PJEF) /Academic Year Opportunity

Before applying, please review the [Philadelphia Justice & Equity Fellowship](#). This internship will include paid work throughout the fall and spring semesters. All hours spent working with CAIR (up to 8 hrs/week) and in PJEF activities (~2 hrs/week) are paid at the standard hourly wage for campus jobs. Most work during the academic year will be remote.

