Background

In spring of 2019, UCLA hosted the inaugural Connecting Art and Law for Liberation (CALL) Festival. Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Program, the Prison Education Program, and the Prison Law and Policy Program, we envisioned organizing the festival every two years. The convening highlighted the use of Art and the Law as tools for ending mass incarceration, and brought together lawyers and artists to develop collaborative ways to transform the criminal legal system and strengthen movements for justice. Providing participatory workshops, dynamic performances and internationally recognized speakers on campus and in correctional facilities the three day gathering was enormously successful and set the stage for future collaborations.

Connecting Art and Law for Liberation Fellow

The Criminal Justice Program is seeking a CALL fellow graduate student for the 2019-2020 school year to continue this work. The fellow will work closely with the Prison Law and Policy fellow and the Prison Education Program’s fellow on collaborative projects that connect art and law. The fellow’s duties will include, but not be limited to:

- Support and take a leadership role in completing research and development as needed related to the topic of linking art and law;
- Highlight and promote the inaugural festival using the photographs, video and feedback that we gathered;
- Brainstorm and implement ongoing partnerships between legal and artistic partners; and
- Organize with existing and new collaborators to begin planning the 2021 CALL Festival

Interested candidates should have a demonstrated interest in innovation in the practice of law. Candidates must be self-motivated, highly organized and have experience working collaboratively. Candidates must feel comfortable creating and implementing new projects, taking a leadership role, and facilitating communication between allies from diverse backgrounds and perspectives on campus, in the community, and working in correctional facilities. This fellow will be hired as a research assistant and will be compensated accordingly. The fellow will be expected to work 5-10 hours per week from September 2019-March 2020.

All interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and two professional or academic references to Rosie Rios, rosierios.uclaprisonedu@gamil.com by May 29, 2019. Interviews will be conducted on June 7, 2019, schedules permitting. Please use the following subject heading when submitting your materials: “CALL Fellow 2019 Application”.