

## HHRRC GRANTS

One of the most important goals of the Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) is to directly support the efforts of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) members and their partners in promoting the application of contemporary forensic science and forensic medicine principles to global humanitarian or human rights projects requiring special forensic assistance. Proposals for HHRRC support should be made or sponsored by AAFS members or by nonmembers who are seeking the involvement of AAFS specialists or experts. HHRRC grants are made possible by AAFS and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) support.

Proposals may originate from organizations such as medicolegal institutes, forensic services within police units, humanitarian organizations, or universities involved in teaching forensic science or forensic medicine, but they must have an AAFS member associated with the proposed work. Proposals for support can include support for training, applied research that directly addresses humanitarian or human rights challenges, training materials and equipment, advisory services, and subject matter expertise provided by AAFS members.

Examples of previous awards include efforts to locate and interview the relatives of victims killed by the Shining Path or government paramilitary in Peru, a longitudinal study of grave detection using various remote sensing techniques in Colombia, taphonomic studies of scavenging and decomposition in South Africa and Nigeria, generating oxygen and hydrogen isomaps from water sources in Colombia, investigation of mass atrocities in the Republic of Georgia, the recovery and identification of victims of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, human hair and natural fibers to detect chlorine gas exposure, and multidisciplinary efforts to help identify migrants in the Mediterranean and the U.S. southern border.

The request for proposals and notification of the maximum allowable award will be distributed annually in August, and the deadline for completed applications is October 1. All proposals must be written in English, and supporting documents in a language other than English should include translations. Administration overhead will not be paid as part of any grant. Proposals should be submitted to the HHRRC Chair.

## THE CLYDE SNOW AWARD



The Clyde Snow Award is awarded annually to a forensic scientist or organization that has made outstanding or enduring contributions to forensic science for the global advancement of human rights and humanitarian action.

The award recognizes the pioneering contributions of forensic anthropologist Clyde Collins Snow (1928 – 2014) in the application of forensic science to human rights. Dr. Snow helped catalyze the development of forensic science to support human rights throughout Latin America and around the world. Recipients of the Clyde Snow Award will embody the spirit and far-reaching contributions made by Dr. Snow. In addition, the Clyde Snow Award exemplifies AAFS' commitment to the application of forensic science to help resolve important issues in the international and global domain. Candidates for this award (individuals or organizations) may be nominated by an AAFS member or members of the international forensic science community. Applications should be directed to the HHRRC Chair by April 1 each year. The award will be presented at the AAFS Annual Scientific Conference.

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## HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTER OVERVIEW BROCHURE



## WHAT IS THE AAFS HHRRC?

The AAFS HHRRC seeks to use AAFS' assets to promote the application of contemporary forensic science and forensic medicine principles to global humanitarian or human rights projects. The HHRRC also supports AAFS members engaged in human rights or humanitarian forensic applications and encourages AAFS members to increase their involvement in such matters. AAFS members are likely to develop their own personal and professional skills in undertaking this work. Resources provided by the HHRRC include grants; the Clyde Snow Award; and assistance in obtaining expertise, equipment, education, and document resources. The HHRRC is led by a Chair with support from the International Advisory Council, which comprises experts across AAFS. Subcommittees provide additional support and advice in the following four areas:

- Publications and Documents
- Laboratory and Analysis Protocol
- Education
- Equipment

## PREVIOUS HHRRC PROJECTS



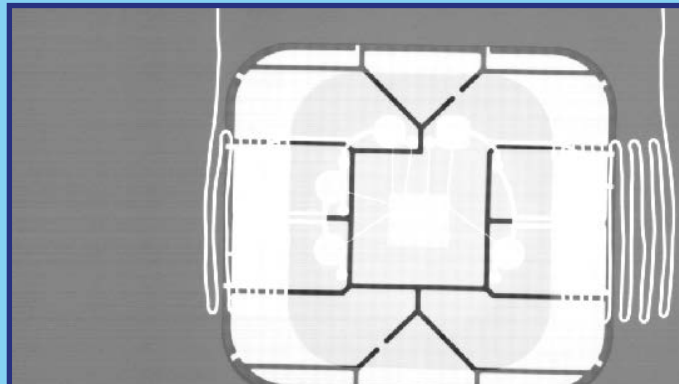
## PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS

This subcommittee assembles publications and documents that are relevant to the HHRRC's interests and current events. This resource is especially useful to AAFS members who wish to become further involved in humanitarian work but is available to all. The relevant literature and information on these issues are quite varied and not widely available.



## LABORATORY AND ANALYSIS PROTOCOL

This subcommittee assists with outreach efforts and manages current information on key laboratory and analysis protocols to assist those interested in applications of forensic science to humanitarian and human rights needs.



Visit [ForensicCOE.org](http://ForensicCOE.org) for more information.

## EDUCATION

This subcommittee explores mechanisms to enrich educational efforts with the value of solid forensic science contributions to humanitarian and human rights issues. The charge of this subcommittee is to examine how the HHRRC's goals and information can be integrated into education efforts at various levels.



## EQUIPMENT

This subcommittee evaluates requests for equipment support and makes recommendations to fulfill those needs. This subcommittee connects teams and laboratories with equipment needs to vendors and other resources.

