FUNDING YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER

Office of Career & Professional Development
The University of Wisconsin Law School
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WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (SPSF)

What is the SPSF?
- The SPSF is a University of Wisconsin Law School sponsored program that provides stipends to UW Law students who take unpaid or low-paid summer public service jobs.
- Funding is limited and we cannot guarantee any awards.
Who can apply for an SPSF?

- Any returning, enrolled University of Wisconsin Law School student (1Ls, 2Ls, and joint degree)

Who plans to work a public interest or government job that is:

- With a non-profit organization or a government agency;
- Legal in nature;
- One that allows the student to work a minimum of 10 weeks AND a total of at least 400 hours over the summer (375 if the employer has a 37.5 hour work week);
- One that provides supervision from a licensed attorney; and
- For which the student will not receive class credit.
How is the SPSF application evaluated?

If funding will not cover all students who apply with qualifying summer positions, the following criteria will be considered when making awards:

- Completeness of application packet;
- Whether position is unique and not otherwise provided for in established law school clinical, externship, or internship program;
- Whether applicant will receive other funding for the summer employment;
- How internship aligns with applicant’s future goals and long-term commitment to public service; and
- Applicant’s year in law school.

The amount of the award may depend on a number of factors, including whether the student will incur additional living or travel expenses because of the summer position.
How much will I receive?

- Awards vary, up to $3,500
- The amount of the award may depend on a number of factors, including the number of applicants, the amount of funding available, the placements of applicants, and whether the student will incur additional living or travel expenses because of the summer position
- Total funding from outside sources and SPSF cannot exceed $5,000 combined
Students should apply to other funding sources and will be required to report efforts to seek summer funding.

If you receive other funding, you must disclose that to OCPD immediately.

Failure to inform OCPD about any award of outside funding may result in forfeiture of your SPSF award.

We reserve the right to take into account the diligence you’ve shown in pursuing alternative sources of funding in making a decision on our SPSF award.
Application Deadline: Thursday, March 26th, at 4 PM.
- 5 collated copies; more if applying to PILF/CJP
- Submit application by that date even if you are still waiting to hear from employers.
- Awards will be announced via email in mid- to late-April.
- Funds will be distributed in June or July and no earlier than 2 weeks after Memorial Day.
- Review the SPSF Application and Fact Sheet thoroughly before submitting your application!
OTHER WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING

· Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Scholar Awards
  · Application Deadline: Thursday, March 26th, at 4 PM.

· Children’s Justice Project
  · Application Deadline: Thursday, March 26th, at 4 PM.
GOODWIN PROCTOR PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS FOR LAW STUDENTS OF COLOR

- Deadline: March 13, 2015
- National law firm seeks applications from first year law students of color who are seeking and/or applying to work in a public interest law position during the summer after the student’s first year of law school.
- Stipend is $7,500, plus an interview for a second year summer position at Goodwin Procter
- For more information: http://www.goodwinprocter.com/Careers/Law-Students/Public-Interest-Fellowship/Application-Requirements.aspx
THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- Deadline: March 15, 2015
- Stipend to allow a current law student or recent law school graduate to work for a national lesbian and gay rights organization, working on research projects and assisting with on-going lesbian and gay civil rights cases.
- Award up to $5,000
- For more information: williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/summer-fellowships
EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIP

- Deadline: March 23, 2015
- Students may work anywhere in the United States, provided that the hiring organization is a non-profit organization providing direct civil legal services to the poor (public defenders and government agencies do not qualify)
- Program pays up to $4,000 stipend
- For more information: http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org/prev_applications/ApplicationSummer.htm
ABA, CURTIN JUSTICE FUND LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Deadline: March 30, 2015
- Students must spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates.
- $2,500 stipend
- For more information: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/homelessness_poverty/john_j_curtin_jr_fellowship1.html
Deadline: April 1, 2015

The award is meant to enable the student to gain practical experience in public service by taking a no-pay or low-pay job or internship during a summer or other term

Internship may be domestic or international

Financial need taken into consideration

A prize of up to $2000 will be awarded to one or more undergraduate or graduate students involved in public service

For more information: http://jwsaxefund.org/to-apply/
QLAW FOUNDATION’S SHER KUNG GRANT

- Deadline: April 3, 2015
- Law students who seek summer internships promoting LGBT rights or the rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS may apply
- Award consists of a maximum of $5000 for 10 full-time, 40-hour weeks
- For more information: http://www.q-law.org/2015GrantApplication
THE NATION INSTITUTE, ROBERT MASUR FELLOWSHIP IN CIVIL LIBERTIES

- Deadline: April 15, 2015
- Open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties
- Activities may include a writing or research project, work with a public interest organization in the areas of civil rights or civil liberties, work on a civil rights or civil liberties law case under the supervision of a faculty member or lawyer, etc.
- $1,000 honorarium
EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS, AMERICORPS JD

- Deadline: April 15, 2015
- Accepted members must complete required 300 hours of service by August 31st
- $1,212 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award voucher that can be used to pay current educational expenses or qualified student loans
- For more information: http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/americorpsjd/apply
• **Qualifying Host Organizations:**
  - Organizations that are already hosting Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellows and Equal Justice Works Fellows (see website for more info)
  - Nonprofit organizations serving veterans, military families, homeowners facing foreclosure, victims of disaster, or organizations engaged in medical-legal partnerships
  - Nonprofit legal service organizations receiving funding from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)
  - Nonprofit civil rights organizations

• **Non-Qualifying Host Organizations:** federal gov’t agencies; judicial clerkships (except Veterans Treatment Court); internationally-focused or – based organizations; organizations primarily engaged in lobbying or impact litigation; environmental organizations; for-profit entities
PILI recruits law students from across the nation for summer internships with public interest law organizations and government agencies in the Chicago metropolitan area.

- Application will only allow you to apply for placements with remaining openings.
- For more information: pili.org/internships
Deadline: TBD

For a law student who engages in a public interest environmental law internship at a non-profit or government agency in Wisconsin

In the past, program provided a $1,000 stipend
QUESTIONS?

Check out the PSJD Resource Center:
http://www.psjd.org/Summer_Funding_Resources_Available_for_Work_in_Any_Geographic_Location

Schedule and appointment with OCPD:
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