

POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Public interest fellowships are available for law students and graduates in various areas of interest, including domestic violence, civil rights, immigration, the environment, education, human rights, economic development, among others. Fellowships are prestigious and a great way to build your résumé. They can connect you to a national network of attorneys practicing in a particular area of law and may provide an opportunity for you to work at a prominent organization that otherwise hires only experienced attorneys. Students interested in applying for post-graduate fellowships should begin researching the various fellowships during the summer before their last year of law school. Fellowships deadlines run throughout the year with the bulk of the deadlines in early fall. This handout provides an overview of the various types of fellowship as well as a list of resources to assist you with identifying and researching fellowships.

Types of Fellowships

1. **Organization-Based Fellowships**

Many non-profit organizations manage their own fellowships. Candidates apply directly to the organizations. Fellows work on specific projects within the organizations.

2. **Project-Based Fellowships**

Several foundations offer fellowships to applicants who develop projects that further the mission of the sponsoring or host organization. Fellows work with the organization to create the project but are paid by the foundation.

3. **Law Firm Sponsored Fellowships**

Numerous law firms offer fellowships, which provide graduates the opportunity to temporarily work in the public sector. Fellows either return to the law firm as an associate upon completion of the fellowship or continue in the public sector. While Fellows work in the public sector they may earn either the public sector or law firm salary.

4. **Teaching Fellowships**

This type of fellowship assists the Fellow with tuition toward earning an LLM degree. The Fellow also receives a stipend while teaching in a legal clinic, co-teaching law courses, or working as a public interest attorney.

5. **Research Fellowships**

The Fellow receives funds to perform research in higher education. However, this type of fellowship does not result in an LLM degree. If Fellows research a topic for an essay or article, they may receive funding to assist with interviewing subjects and traveling.

6. **Entrepreneurial Fellowships**

Fellows are provided with funding to work for a nonprofit organization, which serves as a sponsor or host organization. They are similar to project-based fellowships; however, entrepreneurial fellowships can be used to fund a variety of public service projects, which are not limited to the legal community.

7. **Policy Fellowships**

There are two types. The first funds independent research projects, which often result in published papers or articles. The second provides the Fellow with funding while working in a wide variety of organizations, including nonprofit organizations and think tanks.

8. **Non-legal Fellowships**

Fellows obtain funding to work in public administration, teaching, or foreign relations. Some of the sponsoring organizations assist Fellows in earning degrees and work experience in non-legal areas.

Resources for Finding Fellowships

- Information on the **Equal Justice Works Fellowship**, including the application, is posted [here](#). Proposals for EJW are due by September 16th. These are project-based fellowships in which students must select a sponsoring or host organization and develop a project.
- Information on **Skadden Fellowships**, including the application is now available on-line, [here](#). Proposals for Skadden are due by October 6th. These are project-based fellowships in which students must select a sponsoring or host organization and develop a project.
- Information on **Echoing Green Fellowships** is available, [here](#). The deadline to apply is December 5th. These fellowships provide seed money and technical support to individuals creating innovative public service organizations or projects that seek to catalyze positive social change. Fellows receive a two-year, \$60,000 stipend (\$90,000 if applying as partners), benefits, training, and technical assistance.
- Information on many organization-based fellowships is listed on the **PSLawnet Fellowship Corner** [here](#). Boyd students may register free through Boyd's subscription, [here](#). Application deadlines run throughout the year with the bulk of application deadlines in early fall.
- Information on **Federal Government Fellowships & Honors Programs** are listed in the Honors & Internship Handbook which is available on the Boyd Extranet [here](#). Many of the deadlines for Federal Government programs are in the fall.
- Information on **Fried Frank Fellowships with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) & the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)** is available, [here](#). The deadline to apply is October 1st. These fellowships support recent law graduates and those completing judicial clerkships for two years as a Fried Frank associate followed by two years at LDF or MALDEF. At the end of the four years, associates may choose to return to Fried Frank or may remain at LDF or MALDEF.
- Information on many nonprofit, public policy, and international fellowships is listed on **Idealist.org** [here](#).
- Information on many legal academic fellowships is listed on the **Legal History Blog** located [here](#).
- Information on fellowships for aspiring law professors is located on the **Tax Prof Blog** located [here](#).