

ADDITIONAL LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL 2020 POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Loyola Law School Post-Graduate Fellowships in Public Interest Law are designed to promote the following goals:

- To provide legal services to underrepresented groups that have traditionally lacked full access to legal services. Social justice, human rights, civil rights, and environmental groups are among those included.
- To create new public interest law positions to assist our students in getting their first public interest job and to have these positions then funded by the agencies, in effect creating additional resources.
- To encourage and develop a diverse and qualified group of future public interest lawyers and leaders to ensure the future of public interest law.

The Loyola Law School Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public Interest Law is offered to four graduates and provides a full salary of \$50,000 for one year to each selected fellow.¹

The fellowships are available to Loyola graduates who apply in the year of their graduation or the following year; so, 2020-2021 applications will be accepted from 2019 and 2020 graduates.² **The additional Application must be received by email by 12 noon, August 14 of this year in which the fellowship will start and should be sent by e-mail to**

Sande.buhai@lls.edu

The fellowship will run for one year beginning with the Summer/Fall. Selection will be made and students and sponsoring organizations notified during the month of August 2020.

Fellows must file quarterly status reports with the Director of the Public Interest Law Department who will distribute copies to the Committee.

¹ From 2008-2018, Post-Graduate Fellowships were two-year fellowships which provided a salary of \$40,000 per year for the first year and a second-year funding of \$20,000, with the sponsoring organization providing the balance of the second-year salary. Beginning in 2019, the fellowships became one year.

² Fellows are also eligible to apply to Loyola Law School's Public Interest Loan Assistance Program (PILAP) which helps to provide assistance for repayment of student loans of up to \$12,000 annually. Post-Graduate Fellows may apply but are not guaranteed PILAP awards of any amount.

Selection

The selection committee will consist of the Dean of the law school, the faculty public interest director, two other Loyola faculty members or more, and an alumnus or alumna working in public interest (not from a sponsoring organization).

The applications will be evaluated using the following factors, among others:

The project must involve legal representation or advocacy on behalf of individuals, groups, or interests that are not adequately represented by our legal system.

The position the fellow holds in the sponsoring organization must be a new one that was created for the fellowship, thus adding additional resources to the organization.³

The applicant must have the relevant background, skills, training and knowledge to carry out the project.

The applicant will be assessed based primarily on commitment to public interest law. This commitment should be clearly demonstrated in previous activities. The applicant's professional, volunteer and academic achievements should indicate that he or she has the relevant abilities to make the proposed project a success.

The committee will also consider whether the applicant has attempted to secure funding from other sources, i.e., fellowships, grants, etc.

The sponsoring organization must possess the financial and organizational stability to implement the proposed project.

Finalists may be invited to interview with the selection committee.

Sponsoring Organizations

The sponsoring organization must be a non-profit entity. The organization must demonstrate that it will provide adequate training and supervision. The organization must provide appropriate professional responsibility insurance coverage and standard employee fringe benefits.

Completed applications must be received (not post marked) by the deadline date, by e-mail as an attached pdf document to sande.buhai@lls.edu.

³ Positions that had been in existence prior to the recent funding cutbacks in legal services but are no longer funded shall be deemed as new positions for this program.

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Information for Sponsoring Organizations

Dear Potential Sponsoring Organization:

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring one of Loyola Law School's graduates who has demonstrated a commitment to working for the public interest. Loyola Law School has developed a post-graduate fellowship program to assist in the provision of legal services to underrepresented groups who have traditionally been unable to access legal services, to create additional resources for public interest law, and to encourage and to develop a diverse and qualified group of lawyers and leaders to ensure the future of public interest law. We are one of a very small number of law schools in the nation to commit our own resources to public interest law by establishing such post-graduate fellowships. With our new Public Interest Scholarships, our Public Interest Loan Assistance Program, and our mandatory pro bono requirement for graduation, Loyola's program seeks to lead the profession toward its highest moral calling.

The applicant must include in the application a letter from the sponsoring organization. The letter must include the following:

- A description of the sponsoring organization, including organizational structure
- A certification of non-profit status and financial information demonstrating responsible management and stable funding
- A listing of the supervisors and contact information
- A description of the type of work done by the organization generally
- A description of the work to be accomplished specifically by the fellow, including a certification that the fellow will occupy a new position created for the project, thus adding additional resources
- A description of the supervision and training to be provided
- A hiring offer which includes an agreement to provide appropriate professional responsibility insurance coverage and standard employee fringe benefits for one year.

Once again, thank you for your interest in this program. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Sande Buhai, Director, Public Interest Law Department and Clinical Professor by email at sande.buhai@lls.edu.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12 NOON, FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020

Applicant Name: _____ Graduation Date: ____/____/____
Mm/dd/yyyy

Applicant Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Applicant Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Applicant E-mail Address: _____

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Contact E-mail Address: _____

Brief Description of Project:

What (if any) other fellowships, grants, etc. have you applied for:

A complete application must be **received** (not post marked) by the deadline date by e-mail as an attached pdf document to sande.buhai@lls.edu

A complete application will include:

- Application Form
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation (only one of which may be from a Loyola Law School faculty member).
- Commitment letter from the sponsoring organization that includes: a description of the organization, a hiring offer, an agreement to provide appropriate professional responsibility insurance coverage and standard employee fringe benefits for one year, and a description of the supervision and training to be provided.
- An essay of no more than eight pages single-spaced that describes the short- and long-term goals of the project, a time line, specific work that will be done to accomplish those goals, and why the applicant (based on background, experience, education, etc.) and the sponsoring organization are the best situated to succeed in this project.