

CUA Law

Sources of Summer Funding (2009)

Charles and Louise O'Brien Fellowships

The Fellowship was established by the Reverend Raymond C. O'Brien, a professor at the law school, in honor of his grandparents. Students completing the first or the second year of law school are eligible to apply for summer grants in conjunction with their work at a pro bono assignment during the summer. The Fellows are chosen from essays submitted by eligible students describing their summer placement in the context of the interaction between their religious perspective and their legal careers. At present, each student chosen has received a grant of \$6,000. Details on the O'Brien Fellowships are included in the SPIL Summer Stipend and Off-Campus Stipend Packet.

SPIL Stipends

Students for Public Interest Law ("SPIL") spends the academic year raising money to fund stipends for law students who obtain summer public interest jobs. The number of stipends awarded depends upon the fundraising efforts of student volunteers and donations from local businesses and law firms. SPIL's primary fundraising source is its auction held every spring semester. SPIL funded fifteen stipends in 2008; each stipend was \$3,500. If you are interested in applying for a SPIL Stipend, you need to complete application materials in March.

Eric Weissman Endowed Scholarship Fund

A student who has completed the application for the SPIL stipend may also be considered for the Weissman Stipend. This summer stipend is for \$3,500. One Weissman stipend was awarded in 2008.

Patton Boggs Public Policy Fellowship Using the attorney's fees earned from a successful pro bono case won by John Oberdorfer, Patton Boggs, LLP established the Patton Boggs Foundation to commemorate the retirement of founding partner James R. Patton, Jr. The Foundation annually grants Public Policy Fellowships to exceptional law students (one of whom is a CUA student) who spend their summers working on public policy matters for a non-profit institution or a government agency. The student must have been offered a position or be under serious consideration for a summer position doing policy work. The summer position need not be in the Washington, D.C., area. The stipend is \$5,000. If you are interested in applying for the Fellowship, you need to complete application materials in March.