

FUNDING FOR SUMMER WORK

Columbus School of Law

The Catholic University of America

If you are interested in learning more about any of the following programs, please contact the organization directly or check with an OCPD staff member. To explore more possibilities, consult Chapter 8 of *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide* (Harvard Law School), in OCPD on the “Public Interest” shelf and pplawnet.org.

I. CUA FUNDING

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 who will be enrolled at CUA for the fall 2009 semester and completing their first, second, or third year of law school are eligible to apply for 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. Applications will be available in late February and due to the Office of Financial Aid (Room 314) by 5:00pm Thursday, March 26, 2009.

Students for Public Interest Law (“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 15 stipends in 2008; each stipend was \$3,500. If you are interested in applying for a SPIL stipend, applications will be available in late February and due to the Office of Financial Aid (Room 314) by 5:00pm Thursday, March 26, 2009.

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 LLP 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 non-profit institutions or government agencies. The student must have been offered a summer position or be under serious consideration for a summer position doing policy work. The 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. For more information, please contact the Office of Career and Professional Development.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDING

ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty / John J. Curtin, Jr. Legal Internship

<http://www.abanet.org/homeless/curtin.shtml>

The student must work for an organization run by a bar organization or legal services organization anywhere in the country that serves homeless clients or those at risk of becoming homeless. The ABA provides a list of organizations the student may consider, however this list is not exclusive. The student may work at any approved homeless advocacy project run by a bar association or legal services program. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, application form, and a prospective program's supporting statement. Applications are available online and must be received by March 23, 2009.

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Minority Fellowships in Environmental Law

http://www.abanet.org/environ/committees/lawstudents/fellowship_home.shtml

The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources offers several Fellowships for eligible minority law students. Each successful recipient will receive a \$5,000 stipend in exchange for participation in the Fellowship

program. There is an 8-10 week minimum commitment wherein the Fellow will work on legal matters of a government agency or public interest organization in the fields of environmental, energy, or resources law, with an emphasis on air pollution. Deadlines: November 17, 2008 for New York Fellowship; January 30, 2009 for California, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana Fellowships; January 31, 2009 for D.C. Fellowship; February 1, 2009 for Oregon Fellowship; February 15, 2008 for New Mexico Fellowship; and February 16, 2009 for North Carolina Fellowship.

Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program

<http://www.asil.org/helton-guidelines.cfm>

Funded by contributions from members of The American Society of International Law, this one-time award provides financial assistance in the form of “micro-grants” for law students and young lawyers to pursue field work and research in the areas of international law, human rights, and humanitarian affairs. Fellows will undertake their projects in affiliation with an established educational institution, international organization, or non-governmental organization. Deadline is February 13, 2009.

Asian American Bar Association

<http://www.aaba-bay.com/aaba/showpage.asp?code=scholarships>

The AABA Law Foundation is a nonprofit entity dedicated to serving the community and law students through its annual Law Foundation Scholarship awards. This year, the Foundation is offering the Raymond L. Ocampo Jr. President's Scholarship, the Joe Morozumi Scholarship, the AABA Law Foundation Scholarship, and the Asian American Judges Scholarship. Applications are due January 12, 2009.

Bergstrom Fellowship – University of Michigan Law School

<http://www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom>

The University of Michigan Law School offers placements in the Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Summer Fellowship. Fellows work in various offices around the country specializing in the representation of children, parents and social services agencies. The applicant should have completed their first year of law school but not yet graduated. Placement in a child welfare office can be found after acceptance into the Fellowship. Interns must work a minimum of 10 weeks and attend training. Applications are due February 1, 2009.

California Women’s Law Center – Harry A. Blackmun Memorial Public Interest Grant

http://cwlc.org/women_law_center_internships.html

The grantee will receive a \$4,500 stipend. In addition, a portion of travel costs to and from Los Angeles may be reimbursed on a hardship basis. The grantee will be required to work full-time under the supervision of a staff attorney for

10 weeks. Qualifications include demonstration of a strong commitment to public interest work and, in particular, to legal and policy issues affecting the civil rights of women and girls. Applications are online, and the deadline is typically mid-February.

Chairman Robert E. Lee Memorial Scholarship and Internship Fund

http://www.fcba.org/foundation/internship_stipends.shtml

This scholarship funds four to five law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other government agencies or entities with a connection to the communications industry. Students must work a minimum of 8 weeks and the stipend is \$5,000. Applications are available online and due March 6, 2009.

Dan Bradley Summer Fellowship

http://www.calegaladvocates.org/about/item.Dan_Bradley_Fellowships

This fellowship funds four to six law students to work at California legal services programs for a minimum of 10 weeks over the summer. The stipend is \$3,500 (Legal Aid Association of California provides \$3,000 and the host legal services program funds \$500). The application must be submitted jointly by the student and an eligible legal services program, and the deadline is April 10, 2009.

Equal Justice America Legal Services Fellowships

<http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org>

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. Equal Justice America funds over 175 students per summer. Students must work full time for at least 10 weeks, and stipends are approximately \$4,000. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2009.

Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program

<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/general>

Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides 355 law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for spending the summer in a qualifying internship at a non-profit, public interest organization. Students must complete 300 service hours to receive the education award voucher, which can be used to pay current educational expenses or qualified student loans. Application deadline is April 1, 2009.

Everett Public Service Internship Program

<http://www.everettinternships.org>

This program sponsors approximately 200 summer internships with one of 60 pre-selected public interest groups throughout the country. The stipend is

\$280/week for 10 weeks. Interested students should apply directly to participating organizations, a list of which may be found on the above website. Deadlines vary by sponsoring organization.

***Note: This program has been suspended indefinitely as of 2009.*

Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowship for Social and Economic Justice

<http://www.nlg.org>

The Fellowship funds legal interns at pre-selected public interest organizations nationwide. The stipend is \$2,000 for 10 weeks of work. The application is available in October and the deadline is January 16, 2009.

Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia

<http://www.hbadc.org>

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Foundation offers two Fellowships for first and second year law students working in a nonprofit legal services agency in the District of Columbia. Students must secure sponsorship on their own and then apply for funding. The stipend is \$5,000 and the term varies depending on the organization. Information about the 2009 fellowships will be available on the website in early 2009.

Howrey "HELPS"

<http://www.howrey.com/firm/community>

Howrey Externs for Legal Pro Bono Service ("HELPS") sponsors two \$5,000 grants for first-year law students enrolled in D.C. area law schools to work full-time (40 hrs/week for 10 weeks) during the summer in a public interest job. Must have a confirmed summer position at a public interest organization located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Clerkships, public defenders, and government positions are not eligible.

Janet Stiegler Fellowship

<http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/>

This fellowship funds fifteen students working in the consumer protection departments of the offices of the state attorney general. The stipend is \$5,000 for a minimum of 8 weeks. The application form is available on the above website and the deadline is January 30, 2009.

Massachusetts Bar Foundation Legal Intern Fellowship Program

<http://www.MassBarFoundation.org>

This program awards stipends to students for volunteer summer internships at non-profit organizations providing civil legal services to low-income clients in Massachusetts. The stipend is \$6,000 for 10 weeks. The application deadline is March 13, 2009.

New Jersey Summer Legal Internship

<http://www.lsnj.org>

Approximately twenty students are placed with various legal services programs, public interest organizations, and government agencies across the state. The program is open to rising second and third year law students. Applicants should demonstrate interest in working in New Jersey in the future. The stipend varies between \$550-750 per week for a 10 week period. Applications are available online and are considered in the order in which they are received.

New York City Law Department Summer Honors Program

http://www.nyc.gov/html/law/html/careers/honors_application.shtml

Up to fifty fellows work within New York's legal system. The term is 9 weeks, and the stipend is \$500/week. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with the final deadline at the end of March. The program also offers free housing to financially eligible applicants.

Peggy Browning Fund

<http://www.peggybrowningfund.org>

The Fund is a nonprofit corporation established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent labor attorney and member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Stipends are available for approximately forty to fifty law students who dedicate their summers to working for selected labor unions, nonprofit organizations who advance the cause of workers' rights, and the offices of the NLRB. The term is 10 weeks, and the stipend is \$4,500. Applications are available and will begin to be accepted at the beginning of December. The application deadline is January 15, 2009.

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Internship Program

<http://www.pili-law.org>

The PILI Summer Internship Program awards over forty stipends for first and second year law students working at participating public interest law agencies in the Chicago metropolitan area. The term is 10 weeks and the stipend is \$5,000. Applications can apply to up to eight participating agencies listed in the application materials. The online application period is open from October 15, 2008 through March of 2009.

Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties

<http://nationinstitute.org/p/masur>

The Masur Fellowship enables one first year law student to pursue significant summer activities in the areas of civil rights or civil liberties. Proposed activities include a writing or research project, work with a public interest organization, work on a case under the supervision of a law faculty member or lawyer, etc. A \$1,000 honorarium is awarded. Applications must be

postmarked by May 15, 2009.

South Asian Bar Association Public Interest Fellowship

<http://www.sabany.org>

Funding is available for four first and second year law students who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest. Fellowships are awarded to either law students of South Asian descent working in an unpaid legal internship or those spending at least 10 weeks of the summer in an unpaid legal internship in the New York area, preferably focusing on the needs of the South Asian community. SABANY plans to provide grants in the amount of \$4,000 in 2009. The application is due by 5:00pm on March 27, 2009.

WLALA Foundation

<http://www.wlala.org>

The Foundation (associated with the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles) provides grants for one to three law students working in the public interest arena. Grants fund specific independent projects, usually pursued in conjunction with nonprofit organizations, benefiting the southern California community. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000. The application deadline is 5:00pm on March 13, 2009.

III. LAW FIRM FUNDING

Many law firms offer “split” summer options where students who work for the firm at least half the summer may be funded to work at a nonprofit organization for the remainder of the firm. Some firms designate the nonprofit organization and others allow the student to choose the placement. The following firms have offered such summer programs:

Arent Fox Kinter Plotkin & Kain

<http://www.arentfox.com>

Arnold & Porter LLP

<http://www.arnoldporter.com>

Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley

<http://www.blankrome.com>

Bradley Arant Rose & White OF ALABAMA

<http://www.bradleyarant.com>

Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP Public Interest Fellowship
<http://www.cadwalder.com>

Crowell & Moring Summer Associate Public Service Program
<http://www.crowell.com/content/Careers>

Dewey Ballantine LLP Phillip W. Buchen Public Interest Fellowship
<http://www.deweyballantine.com>

Faegre & Benson Environmental Fellowship
<http://www.faegre.com>

Goodwin Proctor
<http://www.goodwinproctor.com>

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP
<http://www.hughesgybbard.com>

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
<http://www.kelleydrye.com>

King & Spalding
<http://www.kslaw.com/recruiting>

Leboeuf Lamb Greene & Macrae
<http://www.llgm.com/recruiting/fellowship/intro.asp>

Miller & Chevalier
<http://www.millerchevalier.com>

Morgan Lewis' Public Interest and Community Service (PICS)
<http://www.morganlewis.com>

Munger Tolles & Olsen LLP
<http://www.mto.com>

Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP
<http://www.paulhastings.com>

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
<http://www.shawpittman.com>

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
<http://www.simpsonthacher.com>

Steptoe & Johnson

<http://www.step toe.com>

Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP

<http://www.swidlaw.com>

Torys LLP

<http://www.torys.com>

Vinson & Elkins

<http://www.velaw.com>

Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP

<http://www.weil.com>

Wiggin & Dana

<http://www.wiggin.com>

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