



The Law, Environment  
& Animals Program  
AT YALE LAW SCHOOL



## 2026-27 LEAP Litigation and Program Fellow

The [Law, Environment & Animals Program \(LEAP\)](#) at Yale Law School invites applications for a full-time legal and program fellow for the 2026-27 academic year.

The fellow will work closely with LEAP's executive director, legal director, faculty director, and team to both: (1) support and grow the program's cross-disciplinary initiatives, research, student engagement, and academic programming, and (2) be a key contributor to a cross-cutting research initiative focused on the intersection of climate change and the food system, exploring the potential for legal approaches to hold animal agriculture companies accountable for their climate pollution.

LEAP is a multidisciplinary program at Yale dedicated to two overarching goals. First, it aims to inspire impactful learning and scholarship about the deep legal, scientific, and moral questions that humanity's treatment of other animals raises. Second, it aims to empower Yale scholars and students to advance positive legal and political change for animals, people, and the environment upon which they depend. The fellow will be an integral team member of this creative program. A major focus of the fellow's work in 2026-27 will be LEAP's [Climate Change & Animal Agriculture Legal Initiative \(CCAALI\)](#). As part of the CCAALI team, the fellow will have opportunities to collaborate with NGOs and partner institutions on potential litigation, engaging with varied areas of law including animal law, climate law, environmental law, and environmental justice.

Principal responsibilities include:

- Acting as an integral member of the Climate Change & Animal Agriculture Legal Initiative team under the supervision of the CCAALI project manager and CCAALI deputy director, helping to develop litigation strategies through research, writing, relationship building, public education, and collaborating with subject matter experts at Yale and beyond.
- Contributing research, writing, and operational support to existing and new LEAP research initiatives and collaborations, including managing LEAP's student fellow community and student research grant program.
- Planning, overseeing, and coordinating engaging LEAP educational events, including in-person speaker events, conferences, and periodic lunch and dinner events.

- Proposing and inviting speakers; publicizing events; coordinating meals, travel, and IT needs; processing and monitoring expenses, and ensuring adherence to budget and university requirements.
- Drafting and managing LEAP communications, including writing website articles, maintaining the LEAP website, and email communications.
- Drafting and editing substantive written material.
- Other duties as are assigned.

The Fellow will receive a one-year appointment, beginning in or before August 2026 (exact start date flexible), and a competitive salary plus full Yale University benefits.

### **Requirements:**

The Fellow must reside in the greater New Haven area. Applicants must have authorization to work in the United States.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduation with a distinguished academic record from a U.S. law school;
- Admission to the bar or pending admission in at least one U.S. state;
- Experience in litigation, environmental law, climate law, animal law, agricultural law, environmental justice, and/or other relevant areas of practice;
- Record of scholarship, policy briefs, legal briefs, or other relevant writing and publications;
- Comfort interpreting scientific literature and technical concepts;
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for teamwork;
- Capacity to work hard, efficiently, and independently;
- Excellent and detail-oriented project management and organizational skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills. The fellow will be an ambassador of LEAP, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining professional relationships with students, faculty, staff, and internal and external contacts.
- Capable at all aspects of event and meeting planning and execution in a university setting, including developing and assembling meeting materials, coordinating Zoom and other technology, inviting and hosting speakers, and coordinating event logistics.

### **How to apply:**

Interested applicants should send their resume and a cover letter describing their interest to Viveca Morris, LEAP Executive Director, at [viveca.morris@yale.edu](mailto:viveca.morris@yale.edu).

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