Climate Change and Animal Agriculture
Senior Litigation Fellow and Project Manager

The Law, Ethics, and Animals Program (LEAP) at Yale Law School is hiring a Senior Litigation Fellow to help lead a new project within the Climate, Animal, Food, and Environment Law & Policy Lab (CAFE Lab) that examines the likelihood and potential impact of climate change litigation against industrial animal agriculture firms. The position will last two years and will begin as early as September 2021. This is a rare and unusual opportunity to lead a high-impact and cutting-edge research initiative at a preeminent university.

The primary responsibility of the Senior Fellow will be to lead and oversee research, publications, and events for the climate change and animal agriculture litigation project. With guidance and engagement from LEAP faculty and with support from student research assistants, the Senior Fellow will be responsible for producing a background report on the animal agriculture industry, its contributions to climate change, and its exposure to climate change litigation; organizing an expert workshop in summer 2022; and pursuing projects, research, and publications during academic year 2022-2023 that build upon the report and workshop.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduation with a distinguished academic record from law school;
- Substantial experience in animal law, environmental law, or other relevant areas of practice;
- Record of scholarship, policy briefs, legal briefs, or other relevant publications;
- Comfort interpreting scientific literature and technical concepts;
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for teamwork;
- Capacity to work hard, efficiently, and independently; and
- Commitment to public service or social justice work.

The Senior Fellow will receive a competitive salary stipend commensurate with experience level plus Yale University benefits. Although the position is funded for two years, we would be willing to accept a shorter tenure for exceptional candidates who require it to arrange a leave of absence from their permanent employer.
Application materials should be sent to douglas.kysar@yale.edu and include the following:

- cover letter describing the candidate’s qualifications and including a statement of the applicant’s interests and experience;
- resume;
- law school transcript;
- sample of recent scholarly, policy, or advocacy writing; and
- contact information for two to three references.

We strongly encourage applications from candidates whose identities have been historically under-represented in the legal profession and the animal and environmental protection movements.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please direct any questions about the position or the application process to douglas.kysar@yale.edu.

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