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As classes begin, we hope you are energized by the start of the school year and excited by the prospect of what you will learn from and contribute to your new classes, clinics, and activities. For those 3Ls who want to work in public interest, the job search is complicated by the fact that few non-profit organizations can afford to hire graduates right after law school. Fellowships and government honors programs, however, provide many opportunities for graduating students to gain public interest experience and make connections. The Public Interest Newsletter (PIN), which is emailed to you every week, is intended to capture as many of these opportunities as possible. In addition, there are permanent jobs in criminal defense, eviction defense, direct legal services, and some nonprofits which you can find on CMS and PSJD. We suggest that you regularly check both the PIN and the Non-exhaustive fellowship list on the CDO’s fellowship site to make sure you do not miss any good public interest and government opportunities.

PLEASE NOTE
From August 24 - September 22, Norma D’Apolito will be on leave and only accepting appointments from candidates applying for public interest fellowships with early fall deadlines including Skadden and EJW. If you are applying for early fellowships, please make an appointment to meet with her or email her directly to discuss your project ideas or to have her review your application. During this period:

For public interest job search questions unrelated to Skadden and EJW, please contact Naomi Mann at naomi.mann@yale.edu
For government job search questions, please contact Kiran Singh at k.singh@yale.edu
For all other inquiries, please contact CDO at cdo.law@yale.edu

Other YLS fellowship administrators Hope Metcalf, Mindy Roseman, and Jennifer Taylor are available to speak with you about fellowship project ideas as well.

REMEMINDER: PLEASE COMPLETE A SUMMER EMPLOYMENT EVALUATION
Here’s your chance to support your fellow YLS students!
Log into CMS and click on the Banner Announcement on the landing page labeled “Complete your Summer Evaluation.” Complete a survey for every employer with whom you worked.
PLEASE NOTE: You must click the Submit button at the bottom of the survey for your information to be retained. If you wish to be anonymous, answer "NO" to the
question: Are you available to discuss your summer experience with other students?

PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS

Upcoming Events

Events

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Interview Programs

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FELLOWSHIPS

Project Based Fellowships

Students hoping to apply for a Skadden or EJW fellowship should spend the remaining time before the fellowship deadlines working with their host organizations to refine their project ideas, develop their proposals, and draft their applications. If you have not already reached out to your recommenders and references, do so immediately.

Sponsorship letters are crucial to show the importance of the work being proposed and the degree of support and mentoring the organizations will provide the fellows,
but these letters can also augment the candidate’s description of issues being addressed, the community to be served, and the way the project will be implemented. As such, it is helpful for students to review the sponsorship letter where possible and help ensure that the letter and proposal complement each other.

**Organizational Fellowships**
Organizational fellowships will be listed for two weeks in the PIN after CDO receives notice that the fellowship has opened. While these fellowships will not appear in the PIN after the two weeks, they will remain in the [Non-Exhaustive List of External Fellowships](#) spreadsheet on the CDO fellowship site. Consider applying to fellowships that will give you the skills you want to develop, like litigation skills, even if the subject area is not your first choice. Below are five early organizational fellowship opportunities with great organizations, two of which are in the PIN for a second time as described above.

**Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) - Charlotte E. Ray Legal Fellowship** NEW
*October 4, 2023*
The Charlotte E. Ray Legal Fellowship offers new or recently barred lawyers an opportunity to serve as an attorney at one of the country’s oldest and most respected non-profit environmental advocacy organizations. The Fellow will participate in rotations across each of CLF’s program areas for approximately two thirds of the Fellowship, with an ultimate focus on one or two specific programs for the remainder of the Fellowship. The Fellow will be a key part of the programs to which they are assigned, responsible for developing policy and legal solutions to an array of issues in our six program areas: clean energy and climate change, environmental justice, healthy and resilient communities, clean air and water, strategic litigation and oceans.

**New York University School of Law (NYU) National Center on Philanthropy and the Law (NCPL) - John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in Nonprofit Law** NEW
*Rolling basis – posted by organization August 24, 2023*
This is a one-year fellowship to work in the Office of General Counsel at the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago. Fellows will gain exposure to the legal work of the MacArthur Foundation and experience in the field of nonprofit law. The General Counsel’s office works closely with all the Foundation’s departments on a wide range of matters, including general corporate law, state and federal tax-exempt law, intellectual property law, international law, investment matters, corporate governance, and regulatory issues.
New York University School of Law (NYU) National Center on Philanthropy and the Law (NCPL) - NCPL Fellowship in Nonprofit Law NEW
Rolling basis – posted by organization August 24, 2023
The NCPL Fellowship in Nonprofit Law permits one Fellow each year to spend a year in residence at a nonprofit organization. The Fellow will work closely with senior staff and staff attorneys at Lawyers Alliance for New York (Lawyers Alliance) who have practice specialties that will expose the Fellow to a broad range of disciplines that address the legal needs of nonprofit organizations.

Tycko & Zavareei LLP - Public Interest Fellowship
September 5, 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN

Empire Justice Center - Hanna S. Cohn Equal Justice Fellowship
October 27, 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN

Foundation for Advocacy, Inclusion and Resources (“FAIR”) Fellow
October 30, 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN

Harvard Law School - Environmental & Energy Law Program Legal Fellowship
November 1, 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN

Lowenstein Center for Public Interest - Lowenstein Sandler Pro Bono Fellowship
Rolling Basis - Previously posted in the PIN

Public Citizen - Alan Morrison Supreme Court Assistance Project Fellowship
Rolling Basis – posted by the organization August 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN

GOVERNMENT HONORS PROGRAMS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Many government offices on both the federal and state level, including federal agencies and state attorney general offices, hire 3Ls through their Honors Programs. Government Honors programs, sometimes referred to as Fellowships, are the equivalent of entry level fellowships and can be multiple-year positions. For students hoping to work in the public interest, these programs offer an opportunity to gain area specific expertise working on important social and economic issues. The deadlines for these opportunities are often in the early fall.

Below are some noteworthy examples. Other examples can be found on the Government page of the Non-Exhaustive Fellowship List. If you think you are interested in applying to government honors programs, feel free to make an
appointment with Kiran Singh, CDO’s Public Interest Career Counseling Consultant. Kiran can assist with reviewing applications and is also available to help advise on other postgraduate government opportunities.

**Federal**

**Presidential Management Fellowship** NEW & UPCOMING

*Opens September 12, 2023, and closes September 25, 2023*

This fellowship is a two-year leadership program designed to train potential government leaders. Once the application period opens, it will appear on USAJOBS by searching for "Presidential Management Fellows". Finalists are eligible to apply for positions with participating federal agencies and, once accepted by an agency, to be appointed as a PMF fellow

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) - Honors Attorney**

*September 11, 2023 - Previously posted in the PIN*

**State & Local**

**Rhode Island Attorney General's Office Honors Program** NEW

*October 1, 2023*

The Attorney General’s Office is committed to protecting and serving the people and interests of Rhode Island through a broad range of duties. To advance its wide-ranging mission and recruit exceptional new attorneys to its team, the Office has established an Honors Program for recent law school graduates and newly admitted lawyers who are committed to a career in public service. Each year, talented new attorneys will be selected for a one-year, full-time fellowship at the Providence offices, where they will gain valuable experience while serving the people of Rhode Island as vital members of the team. Upon completion of the program, the participating attorneys may have an opportunity to seek continued employment with the Office.

**California Attorney General’s Honor Program** NEW

*October 23, 2023*

The Attorney General's Honors Program is a highly competitive program for recent law school graduates and newly admitted lawyers who are committed to a career in public service. Honors Program attorneys will work with Department experts on important issues involving criminal justice, consumer protection, preserving the environment, maintaining a fair marketplace, policies and programs administered by state agencies, state public officials and constitutional officers, and, above all, preserving the rule of law. They will have the opportunity to receive on-the-job training, career development programming and mentorship advice from some of the most senior members of the Attorney General’s Office, draft legal pleadings, and gain courtroom experience.
**California Office of the Solicitor General - Geoffrey Wright Solicitor General Fellowship** NEW

*October 23, 2023*

The Geoffrey Wright Fellow participates in and supports OSG’s full range of operations, and works with other attorneys in OSG and the Department on a wide variety of civil and criminal cases involving significant constitutional, statutory, and policy questions, often under tight deadlines.

**Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department – Mangano-Prudenti Fellowship** NEW

*Rolling basis*

Mangano-Prudenti Fellows each serve a two-year, non-renewable term in the Law Department of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Fellows are exposed to many aspects of New York State appellate practice, including but not limited to, criminal law, civil law, and family law. Fellows are responsible for legal research and writing, analysis of legal issues, and the preparation of preliminary reports and confidential memoranda for the Justices of the Court. They also prepare and review draft decisions and check them for accuracy of citations and conformance with the record on appeal.

**NON-FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION**

While it is true that many nonprofits do not hire recent graduates immediately upon graduation, there are many criminal defense organizations, eviction defense offices, government offices, and legal services organizations that do. Criminal defense practices begin accepting applications and participating in career fairs in the early fall with first and second round interviews, and sometimes third round interviews, occurring throughout the first semester. Legal services offices and eviction defense offices often start their processes later in the first semester and in many instances after January 1.

Many criminal defense and legal services offices participate in the EJW Career Fair mentioned above, which has a September 12 deadline for applications.

**RESOURCES**

- [Samples of Successful Fellowship Applications](#)
- [Recordings of Public Interest Programs](#)
- [CDO's Public Interest Fellowship Site](#)
Non-Exhaustive List of External Fellowships

Career Management System (CMS)

Arizona Government Honors and Internships Handbook

PSJD

The Courtyard

YLS Career Development Office
Yale University

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