

The David Nierenberg '78 International Refugee Assistance Project Fellowship

The Nierenberg International Refugee Assistance Project Fellowship was established in 2018 by David Nierenberg, Yale Law School '78, and his wife, Patricia. Their support for the fellowship originates from their strong family interest to help displaced persons, honor ancestry, and serve as a reminder to our nation about the sanctity of human rights.

Description

The International Refugee Assistance Project (“IRAP”) organizes law students and lawyers to develop and enforce a set of legal and human rights for refugees and displaced persons. Mobilizing direct legal aid, litigation, and systemic advocacy, IRAP serves the world’s most persecuted individuals and empowers the next generation of human rights leaders. This fellowship funds a one-year position, beginning in September 2020, in IRAP’s Litigation Department.

IRAP’s Litigation Department has been at the forefront of challenging government policies that harm refugees and other vulnerable populations, including through challenges to the President’s Executive Orders banning immigration from certain Muslim-majority countries, policies suspending certain refugee processing, and mass denial of refugee status to Iranian religious minorities. More information about the Litigation Department’s work is available [here](#).

Eligibility

Graduates of any ABA accredited law school are eligible to apply. The fellowship is open to current 3Ls and attorneys who have graduated within the last three years. Applicants must be a member of any bar or eligible to sit for the bar prior to the start of the fellowship.

Pay and Other Benefits

The stipend for this position is \$47,500 for the year. Benefits will be provided.

Application Instructions

Applications will be accepted from January 6 through February 19, 2020. Interested candidates should complete the online application available [here](#) when it opens with the following information:

- 1) Name, email, law school, degree, and year of graduation or expected year of graduation.
- 2) A personal statement of interest no longer than 1,000 words:

- (a) describing the applicant's experiences with and commitment to working on behalf of refugees and displaced people;
 - (b) explaining why the applicant wishes to work at IRAP specifically;
 - (c) explaining why the applicant wishes to work in IRAP's Litigation Department and any prior experiences with civil litigation; and
 - (d) describing how the fellowship would help to achieve the applicant's long-term goals.
- 3) Up to three letters of recommendation, preferably including at least one from a legal employer or supervisor, and one from a clinical or academic professor.
- 4) An unofficial transcript.
- 5) A resume.
- 6) A writing sample of no more than 10 pages.

Questions

For further information, please contact Norma D'Apolito, Director of Public Interest, at norma.dapolito@yale.edu or (203) 436-2580.

Decisions are expected by mid-March 2020.