Sample List - Sponsoring Organizations for Project-Based Fellowships

The following is a list of organizations that have expressed an interest in sponsoring an applicant for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, Soros, and other project-based fellowships. It is a representative sample of posted deadlines that are coming up in the next five to six weeks. It is not meant as an exhaustive list and it is not an endorsement of organizations on the list over those that are not on the list. It illustrates, however, an effective time frame for applying to the national fall fellowships - tie down a sponsor in the first half of the summer and work with that organization on your proposal in the second half of the summer. There is definitely still time for you to start the process of finding a host organization, but you should reach out soon. As with all job searches, you should check with each sponsor for the most current deadlines and application descriptions.

Please note that, while most of the organizations with specific early summer deadlines and consequently most of the organizations on this sample list are from major coastal cities, there are many other effective organizations in different parts of the country that would also be strong fellowship sponsors. PSJD and the Public Interest Fellowships Site, as well as individual organization websites, are all good places to find sponsorship information.

**Michigan Advocacy Program (MAP)**
July 1, 2018
MAP provides legal services and statewide advocacy on behalf of low-income individuals in a range of substantive areas, including domestic violence, immigration, migrant and seasonal farmworker rights, consumer law, housing law, veterans’ rights, public benefits, elder law, criminal record expungement, and other access to justice issues. Proposals in any of these areas are welcome.

**Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs (WLC)**
July 2, 2018
WLC is a non-profit organization committed to protecting civil rights and advancing social justice through litigation and other forms of advocacy in Washington, DC. WLC seeks fellowship applications on any issues that address workplace equity, fair housing, equal education, prisoners’ rights, access to public accommodations, and criminal justice reform.
http://www.washlaw.org/about-us/employment/fellowships

**Urban Justice Center – Community Development Project (CDP)**
July 6, 2018
CDP provides legal, research, and policy support to grassroots and community based groups in New York City. CDP seeks a fellow to work on a project developed by its Workers Rights Project, which provides legal services for community-based worker centers and organizations in all five NYC boroughs.
New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) July 9, 2018
NYCLU, the New York State affiliate of the ACLU, advocates on behalf of constitutional rights and liberties. NYCLU sponsors fellowship candidates to conduct litigation, research, and/or advocacy on a wide range of issues, including in inequitable policies and practices related to mass incarceration, rights of sex offenders, immigration detention, students with disabilities, and election failures.

New York Lawyers for the Public interest (NYLPI) July 13, 2018
NYLPI uses a community lawyering model partnering with members of marginalized communities on cases and other advocacy. The organization is seeking sponsorship candidates interested in their Health Justice, Disability Justice, and Environment Justice programs.
http://www.nylpi.org/jobs-internships/

The Campaign Legal Center July 16, 2018
Located in Washington DC, the Center is a non-partisan, non-profit organization using litigation, policy analysis, and public education to protect and strengthen the U.S. democratic process across all levels of government. Areas of particular interest are campaign finance, voting rights, redistricting, and ethics.
https://campaignlegal.org/about/careers/fall-2019-public-interest-fellowship

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) July 20, 2018
GBLS is the oldest and largest legal services program in New England providing representation to underserved populations in Boston area, including the poor, homeless, elderly, disabled, and those deprived of their civil or human rights. Early applications are encouraged.
https://www.gbls.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities

Education Law Center (ELC) July 23, 2018
ELC is a non-profit organization in Philadelphia whose mission is to ensure access to a quality public education for all children in Pennsylvania. ELC uses legislative advocacy, impact litigation, community engagement, and direct representation on behalf of the most vulnerable students. Potential projects under consideration include reducing education barriers facing English Learner, immigrant students, and students involved in the juvenile justice system as well as representing students and parents cited for truancy, but ELC will consider other proposals.

American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California (ACLU SoCal) July 27, 2018
ACLU SoCal’s mission is to protect civil liberties, civil rights, and equal justice in California on a wide array of issues, including criminal justice, police practices, First Amendment rights, gender equity and reproductive justice, LGBTQ rights, immigrants’ rights, education equity, and economic justice. Candidates are welcome, but not required, to include their own ideas for a fellowship project but the organization will work with the candidates to craft a fellowship proposal.
Muslim Advocates (MA)
July 29, 2018
Muslim Advocates is a leading national legal advocacy and educational non-profit organization whose mission is to promote freedom, justice, and equality for Americans of all faiths. MA’s projects include ensuring religious liberty, challenging discriminatory government policies and practices, holding hate actors accountable, combating unlawful profiling and surveillance, and guaranteeing government transparency. The fellowship will be in MA’s Washington DC office.

Center for Popular Democracy (CPD)
July 31, 2018
CPD provides legal and strategic support for advocacy by community-based organizations and progressive labor unions seeking to advance pro-worker, pro-immigrant, and racial justice policies. Candidates should be interested in working to support grassroots movements and learning about strategic policy analysis. The location is flexible as CPD has offices in New York and DC as well as several affiliates.
https://populardemocracy.org/law-graduate-public-interest-fellowship-opportunities

American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLUM)
August 7, 2018
ACLUM welcomes fellowship applications on any significant issue involving civil rights or liberties. Fellows work with ACLUM attorneys on trial-level and appellate work and with staff members on non-litigation advocacy, such as public educations, legislative work, public spending, community organizing, and investigation.
http://aclum.org/about/jobs-fellowships

American Civil Liberties Union - Immigrant Rights Project (IRP)
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IRP is a national project of the American Civil Liberties Union with offices in New York City and San Francisco. It uses targeted impact litigation, advocacy, and public outreach to protect the rights and liberties of immigrants. The organization will work with candidates to develop their proposals for either office.
https://www.aclu.org/careers/fall-2019-legal-fellowship-sponsorship-immigrants-rights-project-ny-or-sf

American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey (ACLU-NJ)
Rolling Basis
ACLU-NJ works to advance wide-ranging civil rights, civil liberties, and racial justice issues. While any proposal that engages civil rights and liberties will be considered, prospective fellows are encouraged to consider projects that address the criminalization of poverty, the rights of tenants in eviction proceedings, or the rights of immigrants in the criminal justice system.
https://www.aclu-nj.org/about/careeropportunities/legal-fellowship-sponsorship-opportunity1

Legal Services NYC – Bronx
Rolling Basis
Bronx Legal Services, a borough office of Legal Services NYC, is the largest providers of free legal services in the Bronx. Proposals advancing equal access to justice are welcome, specifically in the areas economic justice, education, family and immigration, foreclosure, LGBTQ advocacy and public benefits Units.
DC Law Students in Court (LSIC)  

Rolling Basis

LSIC provides legal services to low-income men, women, and children who have civil, criminal, and housing legal problems. LSIC will work closely with the selected fellowship candidate to develop a collaborative project proposal addressing landlord-tenant, housing, support and advocacy for returning citizens, or other justice reform issues of special interest to the applicant.

http://dclawstudents.org/public-interest-legal-fellowship/