

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization



Yale Law School

2025 LSO Summer Fellowship Program

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization at Yale Law School (LSO) invites applications for its 2025 Summer Fellowship program. The program is open to currently enrolled law school students who have completed at least two semesters of law school. Students graduating from law school prior to the summer of 2025 and LLM students are also eligible to apply. **Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The submission deadline is 11:59 PM on December 31, 2024.**

LSO is the main organization at Yale Law School providing legal representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal assistance but unable to afford private attorneys. LSO clinics perform impactful and engaging work, including litigation in state and federal court and before administrative agencies, transactional work on behalf of community organizations, and policy and legislative advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels.

Summer Fellows can expect to have challenging and rewarding lawyering experiences during their time at LSO, including client interviewing and counseling; factual development of cases; researching and writing legal memoranda; drafting of contracts and other legal instruments; interacting with opposing counsel, government actors, and community stakeholders; and negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. In some of our clinics, Summer Fellows who are eligible to appear in court based on the rules of their law school and the state where the law school is located may have the opportunity to make court appearances to argue motions or present evidence. Summer Fellows work under the direct supervision of clinical faculty members and supervising attorneys and have significant responsibility for each case or project.

For the 2025 program, LSO seeks to hire 15-20 Summer Fellows for the following clinics:

- Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic (CMIC)
- Community and Economic Development Clinic (CED)
- Criminal Justice Clinic (CJC)
- Environmental Justice Law and Advocacy Clinic (EJLAC).
- Housing Clinic (HC)
- Mental Health Justice Clinic (MHJC)
- Veterans Legal Services Clinic (VLSC)
- Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC)

The application will prompt you to identify the clinics in which you are interested. For more information about our clinics' work, please visit www.law.yale.edu/lso.

Candidates who are eligible for summer funding from their own sources and who need an early decision on their LSO application to qualify for outside support are encouraged to advise LSO of their situation and to request expedited review of their candidacy. Interested international students are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the necessary immigration status with work authorization.

The program will run in-person at Yale Law School in New Haven, CT from **May 20 to August 8, 2025**. Summer Fellows are expected to commit to work 40 hours per week for the 12-week program period. The **pay rate is \$17.50 per hour**. Modified start and end dates, part-time work or full-time work for a portion of the Fellowship period may be possible with supervisor pre-approval. Please note that this is not a course, but a program of summer employment.

To apply, please complete the application survey at this link: https://yalelaw.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1WYjYQu5juJ230G, and submit a **cover letter, resume, writing sample, unofficial transcript, and contact information for two references therein**. If an unofficial transcript is not immediately available, applicants may submit one by email to lso.fellowships@yale.edu even after the completion of the application survey, but before the application submission deadline (11:59 PM on December 31, 2024).

Email questions to lso.fellowships@yale.edu.

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