Hillary Rodham Clinton 2019-2020 Public Interest Fellowship

Yale Law School is pleased to offer the Hillary Rodham Clinton 2019-2020 Public Interest Law Fellowship. The purpose of the Clinton Fellowship is to encourage and support recent law graduates committed to public service, enabling them to spend one year working full-time with a U.S. host organization on behalf of disadvantaged or underrepresented groups. Applications will be accepted for projects on a diverse range of domestic access to justice issues, including but not limited to women’s rights, children’s rights, immigration, criminal justice, civil liberties, workers’ rights, fair housing, environmental justice, discrimination, and welfare rights. This fellowship is open to graduating law students and recent graduates within the last three years from an ABA accredited U.S. law school.

The Hillary Clinton Fellowship will provide an annual stipend of $47,500 and a stipend of up to $5,000 for health care in situations where the host organization is unable to provide this benefit. Fellows are expected to start their public interest law projects in the summer or fall after the fellowship is awarded. They will be required to submit a mid-year report and a final report at the end of the year. By placing dedicated and talented recent graduates with strong public interest organizations, the fellowship strives to provide valuable training to new public interest lawyers and advance the important goals of social and economic justice.

The Law School has adopted a common application for the 2019-2020 fellowship cycle. Interested applicants should complete the online application, which will open on the afternoon of January 4, 2019 and has a deadline of January 31, 2019. Click here to access the online application system. Click here for instructions on using the online system.

The application will require the following information:

1) Name, email, law school, degree, year of graduation or year of expected graduation;
2) a concise one paragraph summary of the proposed project;
3) a personal statement of interest no longer than 500 words, describing the applicant’s experiences with and commitment to public interest and the ways in which the fellowship would help achieve the applicant’s long-term goals;
4) a detailed project proposal of no more than 1,500 words, describing the need for the proposed project, its potential impact, and the capacity of both the applicant and the sponsoring organization to implement the proposal in the fellowship year;
5) a letter of support from the host organization, detailing the organization’s purpose, a description of how the applicant’s proposed work fits with the host organization’s work, and a description of the supervision the applicant will receive;
6) 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;
7) an unofficial transcript; and
8) a resume.

Decisions are expected by Mid-March of 2019.