

LIMAN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2021

~~~ INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS ~~~

Applicants must submit a resume, project narrative, and student record through Harvard's CARAT application portal (<https://carat.fas.harvard.edu/applicant/newApplication?applicationPurposeId=3&fundingSourceId=6019>) in order to be eligible for the Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship.

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PLEASE NOTE IF YOU APPLY:

- Resumes should include: previous employment, extracurricular activities, and volunteer experiences that relate to pursuing a Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship. **Please limit resume submissions to 1 page.**
- In 750 words or less, please provide the selection committee with a narrative outlining the fellowship project and how it supports public interest law or advocacy work. Please explicitly address how this initiative will benefit the community.
- Please include an unofficial student record from my.harvard.edu

Completed applications must be submitted through CARAT by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in order to receive full consideration. Liman Fellowship awardees must agree to notify our office of all sources of funding and any changes to the proposed project. If awardees fail to fully disclose project funding and information, our office reserves the right to revoke or reduce awards.

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~~~ PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES ~~~

This fellowship is administered by Yale Law School and Harvard College.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship Program supports the work of law students, law school graduates, and students from six universities, all of whom work to respond to problems of inequality and to improve access to justice.

In general, the Liman Summer Fellowship program supports work in the United States. On rare occasions, work that has both an international and domestic focus has been supported. On occasion, work with federal, state, or local government, which is targeted at particularly needy populations, has been supported. If you receive a Liman Fellowship, you should speak with your Liman program advisor at your school about placements. Placement decisions must be made in consultation with your advisor.

Summer fellows have the opportunity to participate in the Liman Public Interest Law Colloquium, an annual event held at Yale Law School that brings together advocates, scholars, and students from across the country for a day-long discussion on public interest topics such as low-wage workers and workfare, the role of mass media in public interest advocacy, and policies of incarceration. Through their involvement with the Liman program, Summer fellows become part of a large network of public interest advocates. The Liman Summer Fellowship Program is coordinated by the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program at Yale Law School. That program is named after Arthur Liman, a 1957 graduate of Yale Law School. Through his distinguished career, Liman demonstrated how dedicated lawyers in both private practice and public life can serve the needs of people and causes that might otherwise go unrepresented. The Liman Summer Fellowships are funded by the generous support of Arthur Liman's son, filmmaker Doug Liman, the Liman Foundation, and other sources.

For more details about past Liman Fellows, please visit:

<https://www.law.yale.edu/centers-workshops/arthur-liman-public-interest-program/undergraduate-summer-fellowship>

ELIGIBILITY

The Liman Fellowship program supports Harvard College undergraduates who perform domestic summer fellowships in public interest law at a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please note, given the current COVID-19 situation, all internships must be conducted remotely. Students who perform fellowships in the following fields are eligible for consideration:

- Client-oriented, direct service case work and litigation, both civil and criminal
- Enforcement work and other litigation for governmental agencies
- Alternative dispute resolution, such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration
- Policy-making legislative and regulatory reform
- Policy-oriented class action and impact legislation

Public interest subject matter should address one or more of the following issues:

- Children's rights
- Immigrants' rights
- Workers' rights
- Prison conditions
- Human rights
- Voting rights
- Consumers' rights
- Low income housing
- Civil rights
- Educational adequacy
- Juvenile justice

Students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the fall semester following the summer fellowship.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The summer fellowship must provide the student with a progression of learning experiences throughout the course of the summer. Summer fellows should act as more than information gatherers or general office administrators; they should gain significant exposure to issues of law. The summer fellowship should develop the student's analytical thinking and research skills, and should leave the student with a richer understanding of how the legal system works.

A student must complete at least ten weeks in the summer fellowship between May 31, 2021 and September 1, 2021; priority will be given to full-time work. Following completion of the summer fellowship, the student will write a reflective paper that examines how the summer fellowship affected the student's understanding of public interest law and the student's future academic and career plans. The student will also reflect upon the fellowship at a campus discussion after completing the summer fellowship.

IDENTIFYING AN ORGANIZATION

All students must find a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with whom to work. The best organizations are those that conduct work in which the student shares an interest and are concerned about the professional development of students. When talking to a future supervisor

make sure that: a) there will be compelling and substantive work for you to do, b) you can picture yourself adapting to the organization's culture, and c) you will report to a supervisor who will provide you with guidance and support. Organizations can be identified by www.idealists.org, www.guidestar.org or through recommendations from former recipients, House pre-law tutors, counselors at OCS, and staff of The Center for Public Service and Engaged Scholarship, among others. You are eligible to apply without an identified organization, but preference will be given to individuals who have made an effort to develop a relationship with an organization.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Review Committee will evaluate applications with preference toward applications that:

1. Focus on public service work that has a clear and significant legal flavor. All else being equal, the more fully the summer fellowship engages the legal system, the more favorably the committee will view the application
2. Demonstrate the applicant has carefully researched the summer fellowship site
3. Demonstrate the applicant has thoughtfully considered how the summer fellowship would support the applicant's academic and career interests.

AWARDS

Following the review of all application submissions, the evaluation committee will award fellowships. Selected students will receive a \$4,000 stipend. The committee will announce these awards in February, when final funding decisions are made.

KEY DATES

Applications Due	January 19, 2021
Decisions Announced	mid-February 2021
Liman Colloquium at Yale University	late March/early April 2021
Funds Available for Distribution	May 2021

When asked, students must report all other sources of funding prior to receiving an award from our office. Failure to report all funding sources and amounts may result in funds being revoked.

For more information about the Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship, contact Alysha Johnson Williams at alyshajohnson@fas.harvard.edu