FUNDING YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER

Office of Career & Professional Development
The University of Wisconsin Law School
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What is the SPSF?

The SPSF is a University of Wisconsin Law School sponsored program that provides stipends to UW Law students who take unpaid or low-paid summer public service jobs.
Who can apply for an SPSF?
- Any returning, enrolled University of Wisconsin Law School student (1Ls, 2Ls, and joint degree)
- Who plans to work a public interest or government job that is:
  - With a non-profit organization or a government agency;
  - Legal in nature;
  - One that allows the student to work a minimum of 10 weeks AND a total of at least 400 hours over the summer (375 if the employer has a 37.5 hour work week);
  - One that provides supervision from a licensed attorney; and
  - For which the student will not receive class credit.
How is the SPSF application evaluated?

If funding will not cover all students who apply with qualifying summer positions, the following criteria will be considered when making awards:

- Completeness of application packet;
- Whether position is unique and not otherwise provided for in established law school clinical, externship, or internship program;
- Whether applicant will receive other funding for the summer employment;
- How internship aligns with applicant’s future goals and long-term commitment to public service; and
- Applicant’s year in law school.

The amount of the award may depend on a number of factors, including whether the student will incur additional living or travel expenses because of the summer position. Funding is not guaranteed.
How much will I receive?

- Awards vary, up to $3,500
- The amount of the award may depend on a number of factors, including the number of applicants, the amount of funding available, the placements of applicants, and whether the student will incur additional living or travel expenses because of the summer position
- Total funding from outside sources and SPSF cannot exceed $5,000 combined
Students should apply to other funding sources and will be required to report efforts to seek summer funding.

If you receive other funding, you must disclose that to OCPD immediately.

Failure to inform OCPD about any award of outside funding may result in forfeiture of your SPSF award.

We reserve the right to take into account the diligence you’ve shown in pursuing alternative sources of funding in making a decision on our SPSF award.
Application Deadline: Thursday, March 31st, at 4 PM.
- 5 or 6 collated copies; more if applying to PILF/CJP

Submit application by that date even if you are still waiting to hear from employers.

Awards will be announced via email in mid- to late-April.

Funds will be distributed in June or July and no earlier than 2 weeks after Memorial Day.
- Require employment verification, so make sure your employer is on the lookout for an email from me.

Review the SPSF Application and Fact Sheet thoroughly before submitting your application!
OTHER WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING

- Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Scholar Awards
- Children’s Justice Project Award
- Inaugural LLSA Scholarship
MICHAEL MAGGIO IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

- Deadline: February 1, 2016 (Preferred); Will accept until February 13th
- Fellowship host sites must be recognized non-profit organizations, including: nonprofit organizations serving low-income and underserved immigrant communities; legal services organizations that serve immigrants; civil rights organizations that advocate on behalf of immigrants; and community-based organizations that engage in pro-immigrant advocacy.
- Fellowship will be awarded to work on a student-initiated project. Students must submit project proposal with organization willing to host student for 10 weeks and provide $1,500 stipend. The $1,500 amount may be paid by the host organization or may be provided by the law student through other means, e.g., law school public interest funding, etc.
- The Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship will provide an additional $2,500 stipend for a total award of $4,000.
- For more information: http://maggiofellowship.org/application.html
QLAW FOUNDATION'S SHER KUNG GRANT

- Deadline: February 5, 2016
- Graduate or law student who seek summer internships promoting LGBT rights or the rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS may apply
- Award consists of a maximum of $5000 for 10 full-time, 40-hour weeks
- For more information: [http://www.qlawfoundation.org/sher-kung-fellowship.html](http://www.qlawfoundation.org/sher-kung-fellowship.html)
GOODWIN PROCTER 1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

- Deadline: February 19, 2016
- National law firm seeks applications from first year law students of color who are seeking and/or applying to work in a public interest law position during the summer after the student’s first year of law school.
- Stipend is $7,500
- For more information: http://www.goodwinprocter.com/Careers/Law-Students/Goodwin-Procter-1L-Diversity-Fellowship/Application-Requirements.aspx
THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- Deadline: February 29, 2016

- Stipend to allow a current law student or recent law school graduate to work for a national lesbian and gay rights organization, working on research projects and assisting with on-going lesbian and gay civil rights cases.

- Award up to $5,000

- For more information: http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/summer-fellowships/
EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIP

- Deadline: March 21, 2016
- Students may work anywhere in the United States, provided that the hiring organization is a non-profit organization providing direct civil legal services to the poor (public defenders and government agencies do not qualify)
- Program pays up to $4,000 stipend
- May receive additional grant money from other sources up to $7,500
- For more information: http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org/prev_applications/ApplicationSummer.htm
ABA, CURTIN JUSTICE FUND LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Deadline: March 28, 2016
- Students must spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates.
- $2,500 stipend
- For more information: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/homelessness_poverty/john_j_curtin_jr_fellowship1.html
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW INITIATIVE (PILI), LAW STUDENT INTERNSHIP

- Deadline: Rolling until March 30th
- PILI recruits law students from across the nation for summer internships with public interest law organizations and government agencies in the Chicago metropolitan area
- Application will only allow you to apply for placements with remaining openings
- Interns paid $5,500
- For more information: [http://pili.org/internships](http://pili.org/internships)
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

- Deadline: April 1, 2016
- Program provides stipends to outstanding law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other Federal, state, and local government agencies with a connection to the communications industry (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellite, wireless, and information technology).
- Stipends up to $5,000
- For more information: http://www.fcba.org/foundation/programs/internship-stipends-for-law-students/
THE NATION INSTITUTE, ROBERT MASUR FELLOWSHIP IN CIVIL LIBERTIES

- Open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties
- Activities may include a writing or research project, work with a public interest organization in the areas of civil rights or civil liberties, work on a civil rights or civil liberties law case under the supervision of a faculty member or lawyer, etc.
- $1,000 honorarium
- [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/)
EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS, AMERICORPS JD

- Deadline: April 15, 2016 (Priority); June 3, 2016 (Last Call)
- Accepted members must complete required 300 hours of service by August 31st
- $1,212 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award voucher that can be used to pay current educational expenses or qualified student loans
- For more information: [http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/americorpsjd/apply](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/americorpsjd/apply)
QUALIFYING HOST ORGANIZATIONS:
- Organizations that are already hosting Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellows and Equal Justice Works Fellows (see website for more info)
- Nonprofit organizations serving veterans, military families, homeowners facing foreclosure, victims of disaster, or organizations engaged in medical-legal partnerships
- Nonprofit legal service organizations receiving funding from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC)
- Nonprofit civil rights organizations

NON-QUALIFYING HOST ORGANIZATIONS: federal gov’t agencies; judicial clerkships (except Veterans Treatment Court); internationally-focused or – based orgs; orgs primarily engaged in lobbying or impact litigation; pure policy work; environmental organizations; for-profit entities
QUESTIONS?

Check out the PSJD Resource Center:
http://www.psjd.org/Funding_Sources

Schedule and appointment with OCPD:
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