HLS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA
2015 Summer Public Service Fellowships

Summary of the Fellowship Program

The Harvard Law School Association of Greater Philadelphia (the “Association”) is sponsoring one or more Harvard Law School students to work in public interest internships for the summer of 2015! Last year the Association offered two fellowships to HLS students, and this year, the Association plans to award one to three fellowships, depending on the number of qualified applicants and the Association’s funding restrictions.

During the summer of 2014, the Association provided fellowship funding for Mustafa Abdul-Jabbar (’16) at the Education Law Center and Emily Baker-White (’15) at the Juvenile Law Center. During the summer of 2013, the Association provided funding for Nora Mahlberg (’15) at the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and Dave Hanyok (’15) at the Juvenile Law Center.

In previous years, the Association has helped to fund HLS students’ work at Philadelphia organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, Community Legal Services, the Defender Association of Philadelphia, the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Defenders Office, the Women’s Law Project and the Nationalities Services Center.

Eligibility

Who is Eligible to Apply?

All current HLS 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Applicants must work-full time for at least eight (8) weeks at one or more eligible placements.

What Placements Are Eligible?

Eligible placements include placements at direct legal services and non-profit organizations. The Association does not ordinarily grant fellowships to students working in government internships. Judicial internships, research assistantships for professors and political campaign work are not eligible placements. Only placements in the City of Philadelphia or the greater Philadelphia are eligible placements.

[For application instructions, see the next page.]
Application Instructions

Required Materials:

1. A resume

2. A cover letter that addresses the type of public interest work you wish to pursue why you want to work in the Philadelphia area, and any ties you have to the region

3. A project proposal that (a) lists the organizations to which you have applied and (b) describes the type and subject area of the work you intend to perform.

Submission Instructions:

Send the above-listed materials to Mr. William McSwain, President of the Harvard Law School Association of Greater Philadelphia, at william.mcswain@dbr.com by April 7, 2015:

Other:

You do not have an internship lined up in order to apply for the fellowship. However, you must indicate organizations at which you are actively seeking a placement. A fellowship offer will be contingent on your accepting an internship offer from one of the organizations that you have listed on your application (or another eligible placement). If you accept a fellowship offer while still job-hunting, you are committing to accept an offer from one of the organizations listed on your application (or another eligible placement in the greater Philadelphia area) if one is extended.

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Questions? Contact HLS’s Office of Public Interest Advising.