HLS GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ALUMNI/AE COMMITTEE (GLBTAC)
2013 Public Interest Fellowship

Guidelines and Application Procedures

The HLS Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alumni Committee (HLS GLBTAC) has for the past several years sponsored at least one Harvard Law School student to conduct legal, public policy, or other advocacy on behalf of GLBT equality in the public interest sector each summer. We are presently announcing our Summer Public Interest Fellowship for 2013. Additionally, we are excited to announce that thanks to the generous support of our alumni members, we are expanding the fellowship program and will also fund a brand new Winter Term Public Interest Fellowship beginning in 2014! Please look out for our Winter Term Fellowship announcement, which will be circulated next fall.

Last summer, thanks to the generous support of our alumni community, the Committee awarded a fellowship to Natacha Lam. Natacha spent this past summer with the American Civil Liberties Union's LGBT & AIDS Project. As a law clerk, she researched and wrote legal memoranda regarding some of the most cutting-edge issues in LGBT litigation and participated in strategic meetings focusing on grassroots organization, educational advocacy and impact litigation to promote LGBT equality. This year, the Committee hopes to continue its commitment to supporting this important work by awarding one or more Summer Fellowships to deserving candidates, as well as one or more Winter Term Fellowships. The number of awards and amount of each award will depend on the applications received and the success of our fundraising efforts.

Selected fellows may combine this Summer Fellowship with other sources of funding, including employer stipends and HLS summer funding. Students receiving summer funding through the Summer Public Interest Funding (SPIF) program of the HLS Financial Aid Office are permitted to supplement their SPIF funding only up to a funding cap (the 2013 cap is $6,500 for first-year students and $8,000 for second-year students). For SPIF students, this Fellowship can cover as much as the difference between the SPIF funding award and the funding cap. There is no funding cap when combining this Fellowship with outside sources of funding (such as funding from employers or other scholarships).

Who is Eligible to Apply for the Summer Fellowship?

- All current HLS students may apply for the Fellowship.
- Students must use the Summer Fellowship to work at least 5 weeks in a traditional public service job. Examples of such jobs include legal services and non-profit organizations, such as the ACLU, NYCLU, GLAD, and Lambda.
Legal, where former Fellowship recipients have worked. Judicial clerkships, research assistantships for professors and political campaign work are not eligible for the Fellowship. Although internships for the entire summer (8-10 weeks) are preferred, the Fellowship Committee will consider partial Summer Fellowships for students who split the summers between two public interest organizations or between a public interest organization and a private sector group (such as a law firm).

- **Recipients must work on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender rights issues**, but they may work anywhere in the U.S. or overseas.

### How To Apply

- **Applicants should submit an application packet that includes the following:**
  - A resume
  - Description of relevant work, interests and experience;
  - Any publications or relevant documents and materials;
  - Letters of recommendation from two people who are familiar with the applicant’s work;
  - A description of the proposed placement, if already arranged. If not arranged, submit a one-page description of two or three areas of summer work of particular interest

- **Applications are due Friday March 15, 2013.** Submit your application:
  - By mail to: GLBTAC Summer Fellowship c/o Sarah Boonin 120 Tremont Street, Suite 190 Boston, MA 02108 OR
  - By e-mail to: sboonin@suffolk.edu (Word, Wordperfect and PDF files are acceptable). Letters of recommendation and other supporting documentation that cannot be e-mailed in the formats above may be mailed to the address above.

### Selection Process

- The Committee will review each application submitted and, if time permits, also schedule informal telephone interviews with finalists. The Committee will make its final selections based the applicants’ demonstrated commitment to advancing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender rights and to achieving excellence in this endeavor.

- **Applicants do not need a job offer to apply for the Fellowship!** The Committee may award a Fellowship contingent upon a grantee accepting summer employment in one of her/his stated areas of interest. However, by accepting a Fellowship offer while still job-hunting, a recipient commits to accept a job offer to work on lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender rights issues.