

Office of Clinical and Pro Bono Programs  
**SPO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT PRACTICE 2022-2023**

SPO	Description	Skills	Time Commitment	Application Process	Info Session/Open House	Training Date
<b>HLS Advocates for Human Rights</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/advocates/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/advocates/</a> <a href="mailto:advocates@law.harvard.edu">advocates@law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Ariella Katz and Dane Underwood <a href="mailto:akatz@jd23.law.harvard.edu">akatz@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:dunderwood@jd23.law.harvard.edu">dunderwood@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Implements student-led and student-developed projects assisting NGOs and lawyers around the world, hosts human rights-related events, actively supports social justice/human rights initiatives on campus, and seeks to build a community of human rights-dedicated students on practitioners. This semester, Advocates has projects on war crimes in Ukraine, climate justice before the United Nations, Palestinian rights, elimination of cash bail in South Africa, corporate accountability in Sudan, development accountability in Southeast Asia, and transgender rights in sports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Brief writing</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> <li>Interviewing clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Policy</li> </ul>	Varies by project and involvement. Members on projects can expect to spend 2-5 hours per week, project leaders can expect to spend 4-7 hours per week.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Sunday, September 18 @ 11:59 pm</b>  Applications for project membership: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4t2GCRvKMPu2W6Z4dTgGuUQTgah7OOqQ3WFMF4tdoABo6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4t2GCRvKMPu2W6Z4dTgGuUQTgah7OOqQ3WFMF4tdoABo6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link</a>	<b>Open House:</b> <b>Wednesday, September 14</b> 12:30 pm- 1:30 pm, Pound Hall 101	TBD
<b>Harvard Defenders</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/defenders/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/defenders/</a>  <b>President:</b> Olivia Murray <a href="mailto:hdefenderspresident@gmail.com">hdefenderspresident@gmail.com</a> <b>Executive Director:</b> Apoorva Krishnan <a href="mailto:defexecutivedirector@gmail.com">defexecutivedirector@gmail.com</a>	Represents low-income clients at Massachusetts criminal show-cause hearings before clerk magistrates and in CORI sealing matters, works in partnership with outside organizations, and provides referrals to other legal services. Harvard Defenders seeks to reduce the harm of the criminal legal system on community members through client-centered, compassionate, and persuasive legal practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li> <li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Oral advocacy</li> <li>Representing clients in court</li> <li>Trial practice</li> </ul>	Minimum: 1 case per semester (5-10 hours per case on average)  2 hours per week - 1 hour for intake (answering phones and completing office duties) and 1 hour for a team meeting.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Thursday, September 15 @ 11:59pm</b>  Fill out an application at <a href="http://bit.ly/DefendersFall2022">bit.ly/DefendersFall2022</a>	<b>Open House:</b> <b>Wednesday, September 7th</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm 1607 Mass Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	<b>Sunday, September 25, 12pm-4:30pm</b>
<b>Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Ben Ho & Lauren Spiwak <a href="mailto:bho@jd23.law.harvard.edu">bho@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:lspiwak@jd23.law.harvard.edu">lspiwak@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides pro bono legal research and analysis to entrepreneurs at Harvard and MIT by matching entrepreneurs with teams of HLS students and a practicing attorney from the leading startup law firms. Teams work together to answer legal questions over six to eight weeks. Legal questions can cover a broad range of substantive subjects depending on the startup's needs; participating entrepreneurs receive a report summarizing the team's findings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li> <li>Doctrinal legal research</li> <li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Transactional research</li> <li>Writing legal memo for client</li> </ul>	About 10 hours over a six- to eight-week advising period for team members. Team leaders could see an additional 5 hours.	Students attend the <b>Fall Client Pitch</b> on <b>Saturday, September 17</b> from 1pm - 3pm ET and submit a client preference form thereafter to be placed on a project team. New members must also attend a training session on 9/19 or 9/20.  Anyone may apply to be a team member. To be a team leader, applicants must answer additional questions regarding leadership experience, though no prior HELP	<b>Newsletter:</b> Students can sign up for mailing list to learn about upcoming events here: <a href="http://hlep.org">hlep.org</a>  <b>HLEP Fall Project Cycle Kickoff Social</b> <b>Sunday, September 18,</b> 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Felipe's. RSVP <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>Fall Project Cycle Training Dates:</b> <b>Monday, September 19 OR</b> <b>Tuesday, September 20</b> 12:30-1:30 pm Pound 102
<b>HLS Immigration Project (HIP)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hip/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hip/</a> <a href="mailto:hip@mail.law.harvard.edu">hip@mail.law.harvard.edu</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Alfredo Rosales and Annie Whitney <a href="mailto:arosales@jd24.law.harvard.edu">arosales@jd24.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:awhitney@jd23.law.harvard.edu">awhitney@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides community outreach, education and advocacy, and pro bono legal representation to immigrants and asylum-seekers through these main projects: Client Engagement Services (CES), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Counseling clients</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Community education</li> <li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li> <li>Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> <li>Interviewing clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Policy</li> </ul>	Varies by project and type of involvement. Including mandatory training sessions, average commitment ranges from 10-40 hours/semester – can be pretty flexible!  1Ls can apply to be members of any of the three main projects. Depending on need, we may have room for 1-2 1L board members later this year.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>~Tuesday, September 20</b> Application released by email after Student Activities Fair. Interviews are unlikely but may be necessary for IRAP, which will have capacity for fewer students than CES and Policy.  Application: <a href="https://forms.gle/swUYwFT79y1ehiir9">https://forms.gle/swUYwFT79y1ehiir9</a>	Welcome picnic for new and returning members co-hosted with La Alianza on <b>Saturday, September 17 at noon</b> in Cambridge Common (park, not restaurant). Food from local immigrant-owned restaurants provided!	Depends on project – likely in early October.
<b>Harvard Mediation Program (HMP)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/</a> <a href="mailto:hmprecruitingdirectors@gmail.com">hmprecruitingdirectors@gmail.com</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Valerie Gutmann and Laura Hipple <a href="mailto:vgutmann@jd23.law.harvard.edu">vgutmann@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:lhipple@jd23.law.harvard.edu">lhipple@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Student mediators handle small claims court cases, harassment prevention orders, tenant-to-tenant disputes, or other ad hoc cases. Students also provide trainings to HLS students and local community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Direct client services</li> <li>Interviewing clients</li> <li>Negotiation and mediation</li> <li>Oral presentation</li> </ul>	3 mediation sessions the first semester and 5 mediation sessions each subsequent semester. One session of participant coaching in a subsequent Basic Training.  A two-semester minimum commitment is expected.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Monday, September 19</b>  The application form can be found at: <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/files/2022/07/HMP-Application-Fall-2022.docx">https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/files/2022/07/HMP-Application-Fall-2022.docx</a>	<b>ADR Night:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 13</b> 6:00-8:00pm WCC 1010	<b>October 1-2 and October 15-16, 2022 (Saturday and Sunday)</b>  9:00am – 5:00pm each day

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Read student stories from SPOs on our blog: <https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/>  
Schedule an appointment with an OCP advisor to learn more about clinics and SPOs.

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<b>HLS Mississippi Delta Project</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/</a>  <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Caroline Jaschke and Christine Smith <a href="mailto:csmith@jd23.law.harvard.edu">csmith@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a> , <a href="mailto:cjaschke@jd23.law.harvard.edu">cjaschke@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides pro bono legal assistance and policy support for mission-driven organizations in Mississippi. Students work in teams on projects advancing reproductive justice, food justice, environmental justice, and juvenile justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Counseling clients</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Contract drafting</li> <li>Direct client services</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Legislation</li> <li>Policy</li> </ul>	1-4 hours/week, with some variability depending on project.	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Wednesday, September 21.</b> Applications will be released by email after the Student Activities Fair and can be found on our website: <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/contact/">https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/contact/</a> . Students will be notified about their team assignment on September 22.		<b>MDP All Team Kickoff Meeting</b> <b>Monday, September 26</b>
<b>HLS Negotiators</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/negotiators/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/negotiators/</a>  <b>President:</b> Adriana Bones <a href="mailto:abones@jd24.law.harvard.edu">abones@jd24.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:hlsnegotiators@gmail.com">hlsnegotiators@gmail.com</a>	Students explore the world of alternative dispute resolution and receive great training and practice in interpersonal negotiation. Opportunities include regular simulations where students can practice their negotiation skills and get feedback on improvement; client projects to gain practical experience; and the potential to engage with the greater ADR community both on and off campus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counseling clients</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Direct client advising</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> <li>Interviewing clients</li> <li>Interviewing witnesses</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Negotiation</li> <li>Policy</li> </ul>	Average 1-3 hours/week  Varies by commitment options and client project.	<b>No application required.</b> Simply sign up to attend our three-hour basic training via the Negotiators email <a href="mailto:hlsnegotiators@gmail.com">hlsnegotiators@gmail.com</a> Negotiators will also be accepting sign ups at the Students Activities Fair	<b>ADR Night:</b> <b>Tuesday, September 13</b> 6:00-8:00pm WCC 1010	<b>Fall Basic Training</b> <b>Friday, September 23</b>
<b>Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/</a>  <b>Co-Executive Directors:</b> Emilie Montgomery, Sarah Blatt-Herold, Georgia Rochon <a href="mailto:plapdirectors@gmail.com">plapdirectors@gmail.com</a>	Provides free representation to prisoners at disciplinary, parole, and other administrative hearings in Massachusetts state prisons. Students assist incarcerated individuals with prison-related problems (medical, civil rights, and property) by responding to letters and calls during weekly office hours. Students may also work on impact litigation and prison policy initiatives, organize campus events related to mass incarceration and prisoners' rights, or assist clients with commutation petitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Direct client advising and services</li> <li>Discovery</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> <li>Interviewing witnesses</li> <li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Oral arguments</li> <li>Policy</li> <li>Representing clients in hearings</li> <li>Trial practice</li> </ul>	2 hours per week on office hours; 1 case per semester (10-20 hours per case)	<b>Commitment Deadline:</b> <b>Friday, September 16</b> Commitment form <a href="https://bit.ly/PLAPform">bit.ly/PLAPform</a>  Email <a href="mailto:plapdirectors@gmail.com">plapdirectors@gmail.com</a> for more information.	<b>Welcome Back Picnic</b> <b>Saturday, September 10</b> 1:00pm Holmes Field	Required training: Date TBD  Supplemental trainings throughout the semester in skills such as cross examination and client management.
<b>Project No One Leaves (PNOL)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/nol/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/nol/</a>	Works with City Life-Vida Urbana, a grassroots organizing group in Boston, to support and defend communities facing gentrification, eviction, foreclosure, and deportation. PNOL canvasses at-risk neighborhoods to inform residents of their basic legal rights and direct them to legal resources and community support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Client counseling</li> <li>Community education</li> <li>Direct client services</li> <li>Grassroots advocacy</li> </ul>	No specific commitment. Weekly canvasses are optional, on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend a canvass.	Add your email to the listserv at <a href="https://bit.ly/PNOLsignup">https://bit.ly/PNOLsignup</a> . You will then receive an email the week before each scheduled canvass. Once you receive the email for the canvass you plan to attend, sign up using the link provided.	<b>Short Orientation TBD.</b> First canvass to take place on <b>Saturday, September 17</b> at 10am, meet outside Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (23 Everett St, Cambridge)	Trainings take place before each canvass, and no previous experience is required.
<b>Recording Artists Project (RAP)</b> <a href="https://recordingartistsproject.com/">recordingartistsproject.com/</a> <a href="mailto:hlsrap@gmail.com">hlsrap@gmail.com</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Landon Harris & Andrew Choi <a href="mailto:lharris@jd23.law.harvard.edu">lharris@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:achoi@jd23.law.harvard.edu">achoi@jd23.law.harvard.edu</a>	Offers its clients pro bono counsel in such matters as copyright and trademark registration, sample clearances, and the negotiation and drafting of contracts related to music production, management, performance, licensing, and merchandising.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing facts</li> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Contract Drafting</li> <li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li> <li>Doctrinal legal research &amp; writing</li> <li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Negotiation</li> </ul>	Average 1-3 hours/week	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Saturday, September 17</b> Fill out RAP Membership Interest Survey: <a href="https://forms.gle/ztnhQ98YkWeJsQ536">https://forms.gle/ztnhQ98YkWeJsQ536</a>  Sign up for the RAP mailing list: <a href="https://bit.ly/MailingListRAP">https://bit.ly/MailingListRAP</a>	<b>Meet/Greet &amp; Info Session:</b> TBD week of September 12	<b>Saturday, September 17</b>  Fall Training is mandatory for all students even if they only plan on joining in the spring.
<b>Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP)</b> <a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/tap/">clinics.law.harvard.edu/tap/</a>  <b>Co-Presidents:</b> Emma Plankey and Ani Zotti <a href="mailto:eplankey@jd24.law.harvard.edu">eplankey@jd24.law.harvard.edu</a> <a href="mailto:ezotti@jd24.law.harvard.edu">ezotti@jd24.law.harvard.edu</a>	Provides representation, assistance, and advice to public housing tenants, section 8 voucher recipients, and those seeking subsidized housing in the greater Boston area. Offers a unique opportunity to lead your own case once a member. Works with our clients on a wide range of issues, including eviction, subsidy termination, recertification, waitlist and transfer denial, and reasonable accommodations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration/teamwork</li> <li>Direct client advising &amp; services</li> <li>Interviewing &amp; counseling clients</li> <li>Interviewing witnesses</li> <li>Investigation/factual research</li> <li>Legal research and writing</li> <li>Oral advocacy</li> <li>Negotiation</li> <li>Representing clients in administrative hearings</li> <li>Trial practice</li> </ul>	1 case/semester (15-20 hours/case); weekly office hour shifts (1 hour each); weekly team meetings (1 hour each); occasional advice cases (~1-2 hours, ~2 per semester)	<b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>Friday, September 23 @ 5:00 pm</b> Application consists of a cover sheet, an interest statement, and a resume. Please email application to <a href="mailto:tenantadvocacyapp@gmail.com">tenantadvocacyapp@gmail.com</a> .  To get an application, fill out TAP's application interest form here: <a href="https://forms.gle/1DREJVCr6HicWzMMA">https://forms.gle/1DREJVCr6HicWzMMA</a> .	<b>Lunch TAP Open House:</b> <b>Thursday, September 15</b> 12:15pm – 1:30pm WCC 1010  <b>Virtual TAP Open House:</b> <b>Friday, September 21</b> 3:00pm – 4:30 pm <a href="#">Zoom Link Here</a>	<b>Mandatory Introductory Training for New Members:</b> <b>Saturday, October 1</b> 5:00pm - 7:30pm  Additional trainings throughout the year, and no previous experience is required.