

Office of Clinical and Pro Bono Programs
SPO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT PRACTICE 2023-2024

SPO	Description	Skills	Time Commitment	Application Process	Info Session/Open House	Training Date
HLS Advocates for Human Rights clinics.law.harvard.edu/advocates/ advocates@law.harvard.edu Co-Presidents: Hina Uddin & Jake Soria	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 philanthropic colonialism in Palestine, climate justice before the United Nations, the right to education in Haiti, war crimes in Armenia, torture and migration in Greece and on topics related to LGBTQ+ rights and the war in Ukraine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Brief writing Collaboration/teamwork Doctrinal legal research & writing Grassroots advocacy Interviewing clients Investigation/factual research Policy 	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.	Application Deadline: Monday, September 18th	Info session: Wednesday, September 13, 12:15-1:15 pm WCC 3018	Tuesday, September 26th from 6:00-8:00pm
Harvard Defenders clinics.law.harvard.edu/defenders/ President: hdefenderspresident@gmail.com Executive Director: defexecutivedirector@gmail.com	Represents low-income clients in 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"> Analyzing facts Collaboration/teamwork Direct client advising & services Interviewing & counseling clients Interviewing witnesses Investigation/factual research Oral advocacy Representing clients in court Trial practice 	Minimum: 1 case per semester (5-10 hours per case on average) and 2 hours per week - 1 hour for intake (answering phones and completing office duties) and 1 hour for a team meeting.	Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 13th http://bit.ly/DefendersFall2023		TBD
Harvard Law Entrepreneurship Project (HLEP) clinics.law.harvard.edu/hlep/ Co-Presidents: Sydney Veatch & Logan Fahrenkopf Sveatch@jd24.law.harvard.edu fahrenkopf@jd24.law.harvard.edu	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"> Collaboration/teamwork Analyzing facts Direct client advising & services Doctrinal legal research Interviewing & counseling clients Investigation/factual research Transactional research Writing legal memo for client 	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 Fall Client Pitch, on Saturday September 16. New Member Application Form Due Sunday, September 17: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiL2KOHGOhRpnv1qocK7reuOxMeJfJsy6STpTWdCYe_-A8qg/viewform	Newsletter: Students can sign up for mailing list to learn about upcoming events here: hlep.org	Fall Project Cycle Training Dates: Monday, September 18th from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, WCC 1015 OR Tuesday, September 19th from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, WCC 1015 (Attend one)
HLS Immigration Project (HIP) clinics.law.harvard.edu/hip/ hip@mail.law.harvard.edu Co-Presidents: Jesus Carreon & Maya Mahajan jcarreon@jd25.law.harvard.edu mmahajan@jd25.law.harvard.edu	Provides community outreach, education and advocacy, and pro bono legal representation to immigrants and asylum-seekers through three main projects: Client Engagement Services (CES), International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Counseling clients Collaboration/teamwork Community education Direct client advising & services Doctrinal legal research & writing Grassroots advocacy Interviewing clients Investigation/factual research Policy 	Varies by project and week, but commitment ranges from 2-6 hours per week. Policy and IRAP projects will be more self-paced during the week while CES projects will be at set times during certain weeks subject to client availability. 1Ls can apply to be members of any of the three main projects.	Application Deadline: Friday, September 15th https://forms.gle/UuwcdwNasuwAKrfi6	Welcome Picnic: Monday, September 11 from 12:30-1:30, Cambridge Common Park	TBD

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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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<p>Harvard Mediation Program (HMP)</p> <p>clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/</p> <p>hmprecruitingdirectors@gmail.com</p> <p>Co-Presidents: Eliza Davis & Amie Kim Edavis@jd25.law.harvard.edu Ekim@jd25.law.harvard.edu</p>	<p>Mediation is a form of dispute resolution that allows individuals or organizations involved in a dispute to work together towards resolving their differences. Students in HMP complete basic training to become certified mediators, which equips them with the skills they need to effectively mediate disputes and allows them to mediate in Massachusetts small claims courts. Members then mediate 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzing facts • Collaboration/teamwork • Direct client services • Interviewing clients • Negotiation and mediation • Oral presentation 	<p>HMP requires attendance in at least 2 mediation sessions during the semester that you train. Mediations typically last 1–2 hours, sometimes up to 3 hours. HMP believes that mediator learning extends well beyond basic training and hopes that trained mediators will continue to stay involved. Trained mediators also complete one session of participant coaching in a subsequent Basic Training. A two-semester minimum commitment is expected.</p>	<p>Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 12th</p> <p>Our application can be accessed on our website here: https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/hmp/training/</p>	<p>ADR Night: Tuesday, Sept 12, 7:00-8:30 pm Pound 513</p>	<p>Fall Training: September 23rd and 24th September 30th and October 1st</p>
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HLS Mississippi Delta Project clinics.law.harvard.edu/deltaproject/ Co-Chairs: Marisa Wright and Naomi Jennings mwright@jd24.law.harvard.edu njennings@jd24.law.harvard.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Counseling clients/organizational partners Collaboration/teamwork Contract drafting Grassroots advocacy Investigation/factual research Legal and policy research Legislation Policy recommendations 	1-4 hours/week, with some variability depending on project.	Please sign up for our email list here . We will send out an application later in September, and MDP projects will begin in October. We review applications to place applicants on project teams, and we encourage anyone interested to apply.	Interested new students can email our co-chairs with any questions.	MDP All Team Kickoff Meeting: TBD (end of September or early October)
HLS Negotiators clinics.law.harvard.edu/negotiators/ President: Maggie Cimbalista Mcimbalista@jd25.law.harvard.edu hlsnegotiators@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling clients Collaboration/teamwork Direct client advising Grassroots advocacy Interviewing clients Interviewing witnesses Investigation/factual research Negotiation Policy 	Average 1-3 hours/week Varies by commitment options and client project.	No application required. Simply sign up to attend our three-hour basic training via the Negotiators email hlsnegotiators@gmail.com Negotiators will also be accepting sign ups at the Students Activities Fair	ADR Night: Tuesday, Sept 12, 7:00-8:30 pm Pound 513	Fall Basic Training: TBD
Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (PLAP) clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/ Co-Executive Directors: plapdirectors@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Collaboration/teamwork Direct client advising and services Discovery Grassroots advocacy Interviewing witnesses Interviewing & counseling clients Investigation/factual research Oral arguments Policy work Representing clients in hearings Trial practice 	2 hours per week on office hours; 1 case per school year (10-20 hours per case)	Commitment Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 10 for returning members; Sunday, Sept. 17 for new members New members can sign up at this link: https://forms.gle/ptnQMeFraDzaM4BR7	Interested new students can email our Executive Directors with questions Open House: Thursday, September 14, 11am-2pm in WCC 5107. Come for free pizza and snacks and to get to know more about PLAP!	Sept. 11 or 12 for returning members; Sept. 18 or 19 for new members
Project No One Leaves (PNOL) clinics.law.harvard.edu/nol/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Client counseling Community education Direct client services Grassroots advocacy 	No specific commitment. Weekly canvasses are optional, on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Anyone is welcome to attend a canvass.	No application is required to canvass. To join our Board , please email adelong@jd24.law.harvard.edu .	Please join us for an Info Lunch on Friday, September 15 at 12:20 on the 1 st floor of 23 Everett St! We will be sharing info about our canvasses and hearing from housing justice organizers at City Life Vida Urbana. RSVP here: https://forms.gle/KArailbveiFVB9D8 .	
Recording Artists Project (RAP) recordingartistsproject.com/ hlsrap@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing facts Collaboration/teamwork Contract Drafting Direct client advising & services Doctrinal legal research & writing Interviewing & counseling clients Investigation/factual research Negotiation 	Average 1-3 hours/week	TBD	TBD	TBD Fall Training is mandatory for all students even if they only plan on joining in the spring.
Tenant Advocacy Project (TAP) clinics.law.harvard.edu/tap/ Co-Presidents: Fernando Salazar & Sarah Berton fsalazar@jd25.law.harvard.edu sberton@jd25.law.harvard.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration/teamwork Direct client advising & services Interviewing & counseling clients Interviewing witnesses Investigation/factual research Legal research and writing Oral advocacy Negotiation Representing clients in administrative hearings Trial practice 	1 case/semester (15-20 hours/case); small team meetings (30-45 minutes every two weeks); occasional client screening calls	Application Deadline: Thursday, September 21 at 11:59 PM	In-Person Info Session: Wednesday, September 13 at 12:30 PM in WCC 3019 (Lunch Provided) Virtual Info Session: Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM (Zoom Link: bit.ly/TAPFall2023)	Training: Saturday, September 30 (Time/Location TBD)* *accommodations can be made for students who are unable to join training due to other commitments