

Spring Break Pro Bono Trips 2024



Trips

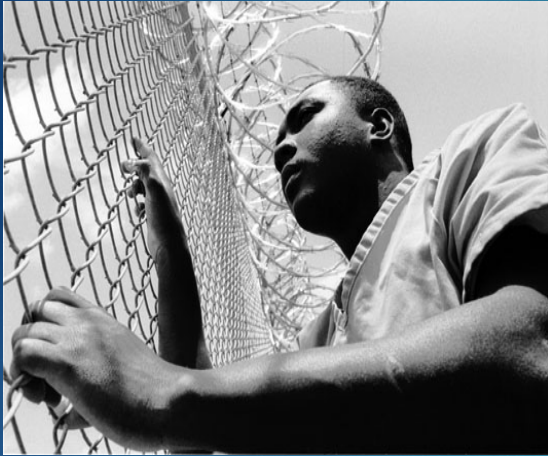


1) Immigration Services to, San Diego, CA
@ Jewish Family Service
w/HIP and La Alianza

2) Broadband Access Trip to Clarksdale, MS
@CREW w/ Mississippi Delta Project

+ Local Boston-area pro bono projects (Boston
and Cambridge, MA)

Jewish Family Service



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- ▶ Student volunteers will work on asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile status, preparing application materials, and/or, where needed, interviewing clients and attending immigration proceedings.
- ▶ Students will learn about immigration statuses, put language skills to use, engage in client meetings and interviews, and draft legal documents within the particulars of practicing in a border zone.

Jewish Family Service

- ▶ Preference for speakers of other languages: Arabic, Haitian Creole, Dari, Pashton, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian.
- ▶ Trainings prior to departure
- ▶ Passports required if visiting Mexico
- ▶ More at <https://www.jfssd.org>

Jewish Family Service



- ▶ Eight- ten students
- ▶ Two Rental cars
- ▶ Airbnb in San Diego
- ▶ Saturday March 9- Saturday March 16

Broadband Access in the MS Delta



Broadband Access in the Delta

- ▶ Clarksdale, MS birthplace of the blues
- ▶ Delta Fellow Jillian Morrison
- ▶ With Community First Research Center for Wellbeing and Creative Achievement (CREW) at the University of Mississippi
- ▶ Work site Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi in Clarksdale

Broadband Access in the Delta

- ▶ Students will conduct outreach on Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) authorized by Congress under the Infrastructure and Jobs Act, assist eligible households with signing up for ACP. Estimated that ~572,000 households in Mississippi are eligible.
- ▶ Legal and community-based research (i.e., interviews) into the practical application of ACP, program's overall impacts in the MS Delta region, and potential alternative funding avenues.
- ▶ Mississippi residents face service barriers due to the state governments' historic disinvestment in rural communities predominately comprised of people of color and households with lower incomes; disparities especially acute in Mississippi Delta

Broadband Access in the Delta

- ▶ Background and resources from Mississippi Delta Project
- ▶ Training on community outreach and interview techniques, and specifics of ACP
- ▶ Blues show, Memphis visit to National Civil Rights Museum

Broadband Access in the Delta

- ▶ Four to six students
- ▶ One or two rental cars
- ▶ Housing at Auberge Clarksdale Hostel
- ▶ Sunday March 10- Saturday March 16, with Friday night in Memphis (tentatively)

Boston/Cambridge

- ▶ Projects and host organizations to be finalized. Open to proposals. Past projects with local legal services and remote.
- ▶ No overnight or long-distance travel required
- ▶ As many students as can be accommodated will be selected.
- ▶ Applications open end of January/early February

Legal Work

- ▶ All legal work is eligible for HLS pro bono credit
- ▶ Travel and training time not for pro bono credit (likely not reach 50 hours)
- ▶ Must work all days required by specific trip

Student Costs

Students will pay for their own:

- food
- transportation to and from Boston airport
- baggage fees after 1 bag
- entertainment
- \$150 towards airfare, unless financial hardship

Funding

- ▶ Students book own flight and receive travel grant after (possibly OCP book)
- ▶ Need volunteers to rent car and be reimbursed for car and gas (full amount) after
- ▶ Hotels/Air BnBs paid in advance by HLS

Application

- ▶ Must submit application with resume by **11:59 pm on Monday, November 13** (on OCP website)
- ▶ Decisions announced by **Wednesday, November 22**
- ▶ Selected students must commit by **Thursday, November 30**
- ▶ Decisions based on a final composition of students representing a range of class years, perspectives, skills, or experience relevant to project
- ▶ Anticipating more applications than slots

Student Requirements:

- ▶ Attend group meeting(s) before trip, usually February and early March
- ▶ Reading material and training before trip
- ▶ Written evaluation upon your return
- ▶ Travel grant paperwork
- ▶ HLS Pro Bono paperwork

Keep In Mind

- ▶ You must be flexible
- ▶ You are going to help
- ▶ Volunteers needed to rent cars (preferably over 25) and pay gas and parking, etc. on credit card and be reimbursed

Questions?

<https://hls.harvard.edu/pro-bono/spring-break/>

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