



## JOHN PAUL STEVENS FOUNDATION

### 2025 STEVENS PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

*Advancing a Legacy of Justice*

#### **What is the John Paul Stevens Foundation?**

The John Paul Stevens Foundation, founded as a living legacy to the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, is dedicated to promoting public interest and social justice values in the next generation of American lawyers. The Foundation oversees the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship, which reflects Justice Stevens' deep belief that a dynamic and effective justice system depends on a cadre of trained and committed lawyers doing public interest work.

#### **What is the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship?**

The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship provides financial and training support to law students working in otherwise unpaid summer public interest law internships. The Foundation works with a network of 38 law schools that select Stevens Fellows and distribute Fellowship funds during the summer. Fellows selected by their law schools join a national cohort of over 150 public interest law students and a network of over 1000 Alumni Fellows. The Foundation provides training, networking, and other support to Fellows during the summer and as alumni. For more information, please visit the [Foundation's website](https://jpstevensfoundation.org/fellowships/impact/) and this video featuring some Alumni Fellows <https://jpstevensfoundation.org/fellowships/impact/>.

#### **What are the eligibility requirements for Stevens Fellowships?**

Law students must have secured an otherwise unpaid full-time<sup>1</sup> internship for at least 8 weeks over the summer either with a nonprofit organization or a government entity and encourages students to work for around 10 weeks over the summer. Judicial placements are not eligible. Stevens Fellows apply to and are selected by the law school they attend.

#### **What are the expectations of Stevens Fellows?**

In addition to the 8 weeks of full-time public interest work, Stevens Fellows are expected to:

1. Complete an online Enrollment Intake Form prior to the start of Fellowship
2. Provide a headshot photograph (for the Foundation's website & Fellows announcement)
3. Attend a two hour virtual Fellowship summit in early June. The 2025 date is being scheduled; the Summit will likely take place on a weekday from 9am-11am PT / 12pm-2pm ET.
4. Complete a Fellowship evaluation at the end of the summer
5. Provide an end of summer report to the Foundation using a google form (deadline and link to submit this report will be provided at the end of the summer).

Fellows are encouraged but not required to participate in other Foundation related support such as networking opportunities, training, local happy hours, etc. both in the summer and as Alumni Fellows.

#### **How do law students apply for the Stevens Fellowship?**

Each participating law school designs and administers its own application and selection process. For more information on the application process, interested students should contact:

*HLS Summer Public Interest Funding: [spif@law.harvard.edu](mailto:spif@law.harvard.edu)*

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<sup>1</sup> The Foundation considers "full-time" to be whatever the Fellow's public interest host organization considers to be full-time work.