Finding and Funding a Summer Public Interest Job

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Sources of Funding for Unpaid Positions

**Funding Sources Available ONLY to Duke Students:**
- Duke Endowed Fellowships
- IOLTA
- International Development Fellowships
- Stanback Environmental Fellowships
- PILF

**Additional Funding Sources:**
- Equal Justice Works
- PSLawNet
- Various bar sponsored programs
Duke Endowed Fellowships

- Duke Endowments (for 1Ls and 2Ls)
- At least 12 for Summer 2009
- Application (available in CPDC and Pro Bono Office) due March 20th at noon
- Need a letter of commitment from sponsoring organization
- NOT available for judicial clerkships
IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts)

- Three fellowships of $3000 each
- MUST work for participating IOLTA organization (list available in CPDC and Pro Bono Office)
- All jobs are in NC
- Must work at least 10 weeks
International Development Fellowships

- Created by donations from Class of 2004
- For internships at NGO or independent research focused on international development
- Currently have $1600 to award but final amount unknown
- Students eligible for endowed fellowships as well
Requirements for Fellowships

- Application supported by letter from sponsoring organization
- Selection committee will make decision in early April (interviews may be required) and notify applicants
- At end of summer, recipients must: submit a written evaluation, write a letter of thanks to the donor, and participate in programs to aid other students in learning about summer public interest opportunities
Stanback Environmental Fellowships

- Duke alumni, Fred and Alice Stanback, are providing funding for 142 internships with 40 organizations (some are legal internships)
- $4500 for 11 weeks of full-time work (note, may be awarded for partial summer)
- Sponsoring organizations
  www.env.duke.edu/career/stanback2009/index.html (Can create new projects with these organizations)
- Deadline for on-campus interviews (to be held on Feb. 20th) has passed. May still contact organizations directly to express interest and seek interview
- Plan on bringing resume and showing up on Feb. 20th to get into open interview slots
PILF
(Public Interest Law Foundation)
Equal Justice Works

- $1000 education award voucher for summer work in qualified nonprofit public interest organization (355 awarded nationwide with regional diversity)
- Application available March 18th and due at 5:00 p.m. on April 1st
- Requires 300 hours of service
- 2009 changes: (1) now allows work with public defenders; (2) now allows work with Legal Fellows at their Host Sites; and (3) set aside slots for students working on eligible mortgage foreclosure related issues
- SEE: www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/
Additional Funding Resources

- PSLawNet – The Public Service Law Network
  Go to www.pslawnet.org and follow links for: Career Central, Financing a Career or Summer Job, Summer Funding Resources

- Various Bar Organizations Sponsor Fellowships (frequently posted in the weekly email from CPDC)
Finding Summer Public Interest and Government Work
An important truth about internships (and jobs) --

- MANY organizations and potential employers do NOT advertise or post positions.

- SOME of these are actively interested in hiring.

- Others, will hire when presented with an interested candidate (especially public interest organizations that cannot pay interns).
Job Postings for Public Interest and Government Jobs

- Arizona Guide (Government Honors and Internships Guide) – available through Symplicity home page
- Symplicity postings (can sort by posting date and summer position)
- Monday Mail
- PSLawNet.org
- Idealist.org
- Department of Justice (http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/)
Jobs that may not be posted

- Legal Aid
- Public Defender
- District Attorney
- State Attorney General
- City and County Attorney’s Offices
- Legislative jobs (state and federal)
- Judicial Clerkships (no funding for most)
- Non-profits that do advocacy work (direct advocacy and legislative), including: shelters, environmental organizations, .... (domestic and international)
Print Resources available in CPDC, the Pro Bono Office and the Library

- **Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide Volume I – USA**: handbook and directory for law students and lawyers seeking public service work, including government and non-profit organizations. Provides information on funding for public interest summer internships, post-graduate fellowships, federal honors programs, entrepreneurial grants, and judicial clerkships.

- **Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide Volume II – International**: Provides information on nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), intergovernmental organizations including the United Nations, opportunities within the United States Government, and international fellowships.


- **Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book**: A who’s who in the management of the leading foundations, universities, museums, and other non-profit organizations.
Tips:

- Look in your hometown or the location where you think you want to live following graduation
- Consider all of your personal contacts and reach out to alumni
- Research what the organization does and express interest in their work
- Let them know you are interested in paid and unpaid positions
- Highlight any related work you have done (or public interest work you have done)

**COVER LETTERS COUNT!!!** Make them individually tailored to the organization you are applying to.
Handouts available today and in CPDC

- Application for Duke Fellowships and IOLTA
- Listing of IOLTA organizations
- NC Public Interest and Government Opportunities
- Library and Internet Resources listing for Public Interest and Government
- International Public Interest Opportunities
- List of public interest and government internships by Duke students in summers 2007 & 2008

DO NOT FORGET WEBSITE RESOURCES NOTED EARLIER IN PROGRAM!
Primary Goal for 1L Summer

- Do something that enhances your legal skills and abilities and that gives you something to talk about during your interviews as a 2L
- Use the summer to help you refine your interests