Summer Public Interest Funding 2013

Funding available only to students at Duke Law School

Applications for the following funding sources will be available in late January of 2013 and will be due March 19th. For most of these, students MUST have secured a summer position by the application due date. Decisions about funding are announced in late March or early April.

- **Duke Endowed Public Interest Summer Fellowships**: These Summer Fellowships are made possible through endowments to Duke Law School from generous alumni donors. To qualify for these Fellowships, applicants must secure a summer position with a non-profit, NGO, or government organization in the US or abroad; judicial clerkship positions are not eligible for these Fellowships. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated commitment to developing a career in the public interest. Full summer (10 weeks at 40 hours per week) and split summer arrangements are eligible. These are competitive Fellowships, with a preference for 2Ls.

- **Horvitz Public Law Fellowship**: Funding for Horvitz Fellowships is made possible through a donation by alumnus Rick Horvitz ’78. These Fellowships may be awarded to 1L and 2L students who secure summer positions related to public law, including positions with: State Attorneys General and Solicitor Generals; Department of Justice; other Federal positions where the work is related to Constitutional matters; federal executive branch office internships, including positions with the White House or Cabinet offices; and positions with organizations that work on issues of federalism, civil liberties, or other constitutional law-related issues. Full summer (10 weeks at 40 hours per week) and split summer arrangements are eligible. This is a competitive Fellowship, with a preference for 2L’s.

- **Dean’s Summer Service Grants (2L’s only)**: The Dean’s Service Grant guarantees summer funding to 2L students who secure a qualifying public service position for the summer, including: local, state, or federal government; not-for-profit organizations or non-governmental organizations (including international); and summer judicial clerkships. Students must commit to at least 10 weeks at 40 hours per week in order to qualify for a full Grant; funding may be pro-rated for lesser commitments or split summers. Students must complete at least 10 hours of pro bono service within the school year prior to the application deadline (coordinated with and tracked by the PIPB Office). Students may seek additional funding from outside the Law School (e.g., from employers directly, Equal Justice Works Summer Grants, etc.) to supplement the Grant amount.

- **Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)**: PILF is a student-run fundraising organization whose mission is to raise money to award fellowships to 1L and 2L students who accept unpaid summer public interest internships. Summer judicial clerkships are NOT funded. Any student who contributes at least 20 volunteer hours to PILF’s annual fundraising efforts is guaranteed a portion of the funds raised by the organization that year. PILF’s largest annual fundraiser is its Auction & Gala, held each February. PILF volunteer hours do not qualify as pro bono hours. For students that receive other funding, including funding from other Duke Law sources, PILF will give them a smaller “thank you grant” to acknowledge their help in raising the funds. Grant amounts are determined by how much is raised and how many students complete their hours and are eligible for funding.
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- **Stanback Internship Program**: The Stanback Internship Program is administered by the Nicholas School of Environment and is available to graduate-level Duke students. The program provides a $5,000 stipend for 11 weeks of work with one of more than 50 Stanback-approved environmental organizations. Split summers may be pro-rated. Stanback projects are not law-exclusive; some involve science, policy, advocacy and other conservation-related work. In 2012, twelve Duke Law students were awarded Stanback Fellowships. Some of the Stanback Fellowships for law students only are posted on Symplicity and have deadlines in December or January. Many others are run through the main university eRecruiting system with applications in January and interviews in February. Students may also approach Stanback-designated law and policy organizations in advance of the deadlines to propose a specific project. Please contact Stella Boswell for assistance with Stanback positions.

**Other funding sources**

- **Equal Justice Works Summer Corps**: The EJW Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides $1,175 education award voucher for 300 hours of summer legal work at a nonprofit public interest organization. The application window for this program is open for only 2 weeks in mid-April. In Summer 2012, five Duke students received EJW Summer Corps grants.

- **PSJD.org**: This website has a comprehensive list of summer funding resources tied to particular internships, types of work or geographic locations. It listing is in the Resource Section under Financing a Public Service Career.