

The Stanback Internship Program provides Duke University students with significant and substantive summer work experience in advocacy, environmental policy, grassroots conservation, and applied resource management. The program is administered by the Nicholas School of the Environment through the generous support of Mr. & Mrs. Fred and Alice Stanback.

Stanback Internships are only available for Duke students. The Nicholas School partners with environmental organizations throughout the United States to allocate funding and intern positions. Accepted interns earn a \$5,000 stipend for 11 weeks of full-time work. The full amount can be prorated.

These internships are opportunities to develop a wide range of legal skills that are transferable to practice areas in both private and public interest settings. Neither interest in an environmental law career nor prior environmental experience is necessary.

Quick Facts

- Only available to Duke Students
- Over 130 law students have participated
- Guaranteed paid summer internship—\$5,000 for 11 weeks of work at a Stanback employer (can be pro rated)
- Stanback employers are located nationwide
- Build transferrable skills for any practice area—no particular interest or experience in environmental law necessary
- Apply directly to a Stanback-approved employer (see “How to Apply”)
- Administered by the Nicholas School of the Environment
- Generously funded by Duke Alumni Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Alice Stanback

Career Paths through Stanback



Mark Patronella '18

1L SUMMER: Earthjustice (CA)

2L SUMMER: Lowenstein Sandler (NJ)

“*Through the Stanback Program, I was able to obtain a position not typically available to 1Ls, and I was given projects with more responsibility than I would have had at a firm. The extensive litigation and policy experience I gained over the summer gave me a competitive edge in my 2L job search, and it also gave me the resources to live in a new place and do meaningful public interest work.*”



Kelsey Moore '18

1L SUMMER: National Resources Defense Council (Washington, D.C.)

2L SUMMER: Latham & Watkins (London)

“*I loved my Stanback experience! I worked in a public interest field I am passionate about without putting strain on my student budget. I played a real role in the litigation team, participating in strategy meetings, reviewing court documents, and drafting a preliminary injunction motion. I was able to speak knowledgeably in firm interviews about my litigation skill strengths and how I could contribute to a legal team.*”

Past Legal Employers

Defenders of Wildlife (DC)
Earthjustice (DC, FL, Alaska, Philadelphia)
Environmental Defense Fund (Raleigh)
Environmental Working Group (DC)
League of Conservation Voters (DC)
National Parks Conservation Association (DC)
National Resource Defense Council (DC, Chicago, NY)
North Carolina Conservation Network (Raleigh)
North Carolina League of Conservation Voters (Raleigh)
North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (Raleigh)
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (Asheville)
Southern Environmental Law Center (Chapel Hill, VA, AL)

For the full list, see this year's job postings on the Enrolled Students Website referenced below.



***Since 2000, over 130
Duke Law students have
completed Stanback
Internships.***

Application Timeline for 2018 Summer Internships

For more information, see <https://law.duke.edu/career/publicinterest/stanback/enrolled-students/>

**Mid-December
2017**

Internships for both legal and non-legal policy positions will be posted as information is received from employers. Law students should go to the Enrolled Students Website for updated postings and more information about the application process.

**January
2018**

Apply for internship postings. For law-only internships, apply directly to the employer via email. See the Enrolled Students Website for details. For policy internships, apply through the Nicholas School Career Link website (email Bethan for access). Interviews may be conducted by phone or in person on Stanback Interview Day, held in late February on campus. Offers are made on a rolling basis, and can be as early as the end of the January and as late as the end of March.

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