Summer Public Interest Funding
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Funding available only to students at Duke Law School

- **Summer Public Interest Endowed 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. Open to 1Ls and 2Ls; full summer (10 weeks at 40 hours per week) and split summer arrangements are eligible. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated commitment to developing a career in the public interest. These are competitive Fellowships, with a preference for 2Ls.

- **Horvitz Public Law Fellowships**: 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. Summer judicial clerkships are not eligible for this funding. This is a competitive Fellowship, with a preference for 2Ls.

- **Dean’s Summer Service Grants (2Ls only)**: The Dean’s Service Grant guarantees $3000 in 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 outside the Law School (e.g., from employers directly, Equal Justice Works Summer Grants, Stanback Fellowships, etc.) up to a total amount of $5000 (i.e., up to $2000 in other funding) without a reduction in 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 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 all law related; some involve science, policy, advocacy and other conservation-related work. Every year, between 6-18 Duke Law Students complete Stanback internships. Some of the Stanback Fellowships for law students only are posted on Symplicity and have deadlines beginning in the fall semester. 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 see Emily Sharples for additional information.
**Other funding sources**

- *Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps:* The EJW Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides a $1,175 education award voucher for 300 hours of summer legal work at a nonprofit public interest organization. Priority is given to those who serve veterans or victims of disaster for their entire service or with the minimum 60-hour Veterans Legal Outreach Toolkit (provided by Equal Justice Works). The application window for this program is open from December to March and awards are made on a rolling basis.

- See PSJD.org in the Resource Section, “Funding and Debt” for a list of resources related to funding sources in various locations or regions, law firm split summer programs and more.