WashULaw – 2L Summer Public Service Funding

The goal of the program is to assist second-year students who are serious and committed to careers in public service. Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of WashULaw who share this commitment to public service have personally and collectively funded unpaid summer positions that will uniquely position second-year law students for post-graduate fellowships, government honors programs, or other public service employment. The application process is competitive. An external committee reviews applications and makes decisions for funding. There is a limited amount of funding available and all applicants do not receive funding. Career Strategists are eager to assist you in writing the most persuasive application possible. Please stop by the office to make an appointment or schedule in Symplicity.

Details:
- The amount of support for second-year students historically has ranged from $3,000 - $6,000.
- The funds will be awarded for a single, uncompensated, law-related position with a non-profit organization or government placement agency.
- No academic credit may be received for the work performed.
- An application deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST on March 25, 2015 (strictly enforced). To apply, complete the application [here](#) AND submit a resume through Symplicity. An external committee is engaged in the selection process requiring that deadlines are strictly enforced.
- Students must complete a total of 350 hours of uncompensated legal work for a single placement agency at the agency’s regular place of business, in any manner mutually agreed with the placement supervisor, between May 16th and August 26th, 2016. No student may report more than 40 hours worked in any one week.
- The work performed by the student must take place primarily at the placement agency’s place of business.

If you are funded, you must:
- Promptly submit a 2016-2017 FAFSA form. (International students exempt);
- Promptly submit payroll documentation, including IN-PERSON the documents necessary to verify employment eligibility with university HR prior to the start of your summer internship;
- Submit an online evaluation of the experience by completing a survey at the end of the summer;
- Send a thank you note to your donor when requested; and,
- Be photographed at your organization for use by the law school.

Eligible placements include:
- Non-profit or non-governmental organization such as, but not limited to, direct service organizations (legal aid, legal services, UNICEF, etc.)
- Government agencies (state/city/federal/tribal), including a prosecutor’s office, administrative agency, public defender, legislative office, or committee.

The following types of placements are ineligible:
- Positions with private law firms (even if exclusively on *pro bono* cases)*,
- Positions as judicial interns/externs
- Positions working on political campaigns
- Faculty research assistantships

*Students may complete applications for uncompensated work with private, public interest law firms, although applicants should be aware that there is a rebuttable presumption against funding such placements.

A note about legal employment: While it is permissible for students to engage in some compensated legal work for an employer other than the placement agency during the term of the program, it is imperative that students who choose to engage in paid legal employment exercise extreme caution, particularly with respect to potential conflicts. The proposed work must be fully disclosed to both employer and placement supervisor, permitting conflicts checks to be run and waivers to be obtained, if necessary. The knowledge that a student intends to pursue private sector legal work may be a deal breaker for certain public sector placements.