

## **Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship**

NYU Law is excited to participate, for the third year, in a summer fellowship opportunity made possible through the generous support of the Ford Foundation. The *Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship* will support 1L and 2L students interning with Ford Foundation grantee organizations in the U.S. and abroad during summer 2015.

### **About the Fellowship**

Fellowships are open to first- and second-year law students and will provide each Fellow with a stipend of approximately \$1500 for a 10-week summer internship at a Ford Foundation grantee organization. Working closely with lawyers and advocates, students will be exposed to a variety of diverse practice settings and gain insight into such topics as reproductive rights; civil rights; gay, lesbian, and transgender rights; immigrants' rights; prisoners' and ex-offenders' rights, voting rights; children's rights; and other issues of social justice and equity. It is anticipated that 10 summer fellowships will be awarded to NYU students. In addition to receiving the stipend, it is anticipated that Fellows will participate in a fall symposium at the Ford Foundation's headquarters in New York City.

The fellowship program is a part of the Ford Foundation's Social Justice Fellowships Initiative. This program supports summer and post-graduate public interest fellows from NYU School of Law, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, and Yale Law School.

### **About the Ford Foundation**

The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization. For more than 75 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

### **Securing a Qualifying Internship**

In order to apply for the Fellowship, candidates must first secure a summer internship with a Ford grantee organization. Any active Ford grantee organization worldwide qualifies. When applying to a grantee organization, the candidate can state in his/her cover letter: "If I am able to secure an internship with your organization, I intend to apply for a Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship."

Candidates can view a list of grantees using the Ford database:

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/search>. Notably, the database does not include all current grantees and some of the information may be slightly outdated, so the candidate should confirm with the organization that it is currently a Ford grantee.

*A note on using the database:* To search for organizations that litigate, go to the "Approaches" section on the left, select "Advocacy, Litigation, and Reform," and deselect the rest. In the "Years" section on

the left, drag the arrow all the way to the right to the most current year available (2013). One can also search by “Region” and “Issues and Initiatives.”

Click [here](#) for a partial list of organizations that have participated in the *Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship* and the *Ford Foundation Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public Interest Law* in the past. Candidates interested in an organization on this list should confirm with the organization that it is still an active Ford grantee. Candidates are not restricted to the organizations on this list.

### Application Process

Applications are due **Monday, February 23, 2015 by 5 PM**. There is no advantage to applying early. Reminder: in order to apply, the candidate must first secure a summer internship at an active Ford grantee organization.

To apply, 1Ls and 2Ls should submit:

- Resume;
- Personal Statement (750 word maximum) that addresses the following:
  - Which Ford grantee organization will you be interning at and why did you choose it?
  - The Ford Foundation’s goals are to 1) Strengthen democratic values; 2) Reduce poverty and injustice; 3) Promote international cooperation; and 4) Advance human achievement. How do your past experiences and future plans support this mission?

All application materials should be emailed to [pilc.info@nyu.edu](mailto:pilc.info@nyu.edu), with the subject *Ford Summer Fellowship Application*, and should be submitted as one PDF.

Select NYU students may be asked to have a short interview at the law school with a selection committee.

### Questions?

Please contact Sarah Hudson-Plush, Career Counselor at the Public Interest Law Center, at [sarah.hudsonplush@nyu.edu](mailto:sarah.hudsonplush@nyu.edu).