

Ford Foundation Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public Interest Law

NYU Law is excited to participate, for the second year, in a post-graduate fellowship opportunity made possible through the generous support of the Ford Foundation. The *Ford Foundation Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public Interest Law* will support fully-funded, one-year post-graduate fellowships at Ford grantee organizations for six graduating NYU 3Ls.

About the Fellowship

The six NYU Fellows will join Ford grantee organizations of their choice in fall 2015 for a one-year term and can either serve as a staff attorney or execute a project of their own design. The Fellowship carries a \$45,000 stipend. The Ford Foundation will additionally reimburse up to \$15,000 of the host organization's costs for benefits.

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 Host Organization

In order to apply for the Fellowship, candidates must first secure a host organization. Any active Ford grantee organization worldwide is eligible to serve as a host organization for the 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 Notably, the database does not include all current grantees and some of the information may be slightly outdated, so the candidate should confirm with the prospective host organization that it is currently a Ford grantee.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 Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public Interest Law* and the *Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship* 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 9, 2015 by 5 PM**. There is no advantage to applying early.

To apply, 3Ls should submit:

- Resume;
- Detailed cover letter (2 to 3 pages) that addresses the applicant's commitment to social justice, leadership experience, and reasons for choosing the particular host organization and, if relevant, project. The cover letter should detail the specific responsibilities that the applicant will have as a fellow. If the applicant will be executing a project, the cover letter should discuss the structure and goals of the project and explain how the applicant has the necessary experience and skills to carry out the project effectively;
- Commitment letter from the host organization that addresses the mission of the organization, how the proposed position/project supports that mission, the qualifications/experience of the applicant's supervisor, and how the organization will support the applicant; and
- Contact information for three references.

All application materials should be emailed to pilc.info@nyu.edu, with the subject *Ford Post-Grad Fellowship Application*, and should be submitted as one PDF.

At the end of February, select NYU students will have a short interview at the law school with a selection committee. Selections are expected to be made by early March 2015.

Questions?

Please contact Sarah Hudson-Plush, Career Counselor at the Public Interest Law Center, at sarah.hudsonplush@nyu.edu.