2017-2018 NYU Public Interest Project Fellowship

Current 3L students at NYU Law are invited to apply for the NYU Public Interest Project Fellowship with a non-profit host organization in the United States.

This is a *project fellowship* in which the candidate must propose a project of his/her own creation that he or she will execute at the host organization.

The fellowship is for one year and begins in September 2017. The fellowship provides a salary of $40,000 and reimbursement for health benefits. NYU will provide the $40K to the host organization, which will pay the fellow. NYU will reimburse the fellow directly for privately purchased insurance.

**Application Information**

Applications are due by **12:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. Applications should be submitted to pilc.info@nyu.edu as one PDF file with the email subject “NYU Public Interest Project Fellowship” and should contain the following materials:

1. Summary page with
	* 1. Applicant’s name, address, email, and phone number
		2. List of two references, with names and contact information
		3. Host organization’s name and address
		4. Contact person at host organization, with email and phone number
		5. Brief description of project to be executed as fellow (suggested: 2-3 sentences)
2. Applicant’s Resume
3. Personal Statement setting forth a) the applicant’s career goals and how the fellowship would contribute to those goals and b) describing in detail the applicant’s skills and knowledge, including relevant course work, clinics, internships, and student group involvement (300-500 words)
4. Project Proposal setting forth a) the need the project would address; b) how the project would work; and c) how the applicant’s work would support the organization’s mission (300-500 words)
5. Letter of Recommendation from a law school professor or former employer
6. Commitment Letter from the host organization describing (300-500 words):
	1. The mission, current programs and staff of the organization (can be included in letter, described in supplemental materials or provided by link to the website);
	2. The training and supervision that the fellow would receive, including the name of the lawyer who would supervise the fellow and a brief description of his or her work experience;
	3. If the fellow would represent clients, a description of the organization’s professional liability and malpractice insurance and a statement confirming the fellow’s eligibility for coverage
7. Copy of the 501(c)(3) determination letter granting the organization tax-exempt status

**Selection Process and Criteria**

The selection process may include interviews, which would take place at the Law School in late February or early March. A selection committee comprised of law school professors and public interest law attorneys will conduct any interviews. A decision is anticipated to be made by late March.

Selection criteria include:

* Applicant’s qualifications, including commitment to public interest work
* Quality of the work proposed to be done by the applicant and its potential impact
* Relevance of the proposed work to the applicant’s career goals

Q**uestions?** Please contact Sarah Hudson-Plush at sarah.hudsonplush@nyu.edu.