

FUNDING YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER INTERNSHIP

For many students, finding a job and finding a source of funding are two separate tasks. If you find yourself with a summer job that does not pay, options exist for alternative funding. However, you must prepare ahead of time. The following is an illustrative, but **NOT** exhaustive list of options. Many other summer funding opportunities may be available for specific subjects and geographic regions. For more information, make an appointment with a CDO advisor, and browse the summer funding section of the CDO website: <http://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/career-development/employment-sectors/public-interest-government/summer-funding/>.

FUNDING SOURCES

PUBLIC INTEREST PROJECT (PIP) GRANTS

<http://bupip.org/>

The BU Law Public Interest Project, a student-led organization focused on increasing the number of students who devote part or all of their career to working in public interest, coordinates a summer grant program in conjunction with a community service and pro bono program. Applicants who wish to be considered for a grant of \$5,000 must submit an Intent to Apply Form by November 18, 2016 and satisfy a number of other requirements detailed on the website by their respective deadlines.



FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/contacts/finaid/sources/workstudy.html

A Federal Work-Study Grant may be used for on-campus jobs, such as a faculty research assistant, and certain off-campus jobs. To use Federal Work-Study, you must have a paid position. If a student receives qualifying employment, all or part of a PIP Grant can be funded using Federal Work-Study, but all PIP applicants must apply for Federal Work-Study by January 27, 2017. Application information is available in the Financial Aid Office on the 12th floor of the Law Tower (Room 1202).

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA



<http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org/ApplyForFellowship.htm>

Equal Justice America typically pays up to a \$4,000 stipend for students working full-time in the U.S. for non-profit legal services organizations providing direct legal assistance to the poor. The website includes other helpful information about applying for fellowships. The process for the upcoming summer has not been announced, but the application deadline will likely be in late March.

PEGGY BROWNING FUND SUMMER INTERNSHIP

<https://www.peggybrowningfund.org/fellowships/for-law-students>

The Fund provides stipends to law students who spend their summers with labor-related organizations dedicated to advancing workers' rights. The stipends are for a minimum of \$5,000 per student for a 10-week employment period. The process for the upcoming summer has not been announced, but the application deadline will likely be in mid-January.

RAPPAPORT HONORS PROGRAM IN LAW & PUBLIC POLICY

<http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/rappaport/fellows.html>

The 10-week program has three major components: (1) completing a summer legal internship with state or local government offices that focus on public policy and issues relevant to the Greater Boston region; (2) engaging in a weekly seminar series and other activities designed to immerse Fellows in issues of law, public policy, and public service relevant to Greater Boston; and (3) participating in an individual mentoring program with a seasoned lawyer, government official, or civic leader. The Rappaport Program

selects twelve students from the six Boston-area law schools to receive a stipend of \$7,000 for the summer. Students should check with the CDO for updated information. **Application Deadline: January 20, 2017**

A program information session will be held on Thursday, November 3, from 4:30-5:30 pm in room 203 of the Sumner M. Redstone Building.

MASSACHUSETTS BAR FOUNDATION (MBF) LEGAL INTERN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

www.massbarfoundation.org/legal-intern-fellowship-program

The MBF awards three \$6,000 stipends to law students who have secured a full-time, 10-week, volunteer summer internship at a nonprofit organization providing civil legal services to low-income clients in Massachusetts. Criminal law internships are not eligible. Preference will be given to 2L and 3L students, as well as to permanent or future residents of Massachusetts. Stipends may be combined with other awards. **Application Deadline: March 17, 2017.**

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS

Equal Justice Works often funds varied programs for summer funding, including the Rural Summer Legal Corps. Check the website for more details: <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/> (under the "Law School" tab)

DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

A number of local and state bar associations offer summer funding grants and fellowship opportunities to current law students. Examples include:

- **The Boston Lawyers Group** facilitates a diversity clerkship program for 1L students, who generally split their summers between a government office and a corporate law firm. The process for the upcoming summer has not been announced. Students should check the website for application information. www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com/
- **The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association** offers various funding opportunities to law students who intern at public interest organizations that provide direct legal services or engage in impact litigation on behalf of APA community. The Association awards a grant of \$6,000 to at least one qualified student. Students should check the website for additional opportunities. The process for the upcoming summer has not been announced, but the application deadline will likely be in mid-December. http://www.napaba.org/?page=NLF_FI
- **Pride Law Fund** offers several fellowship opportunities for students seeking experience in areas of legal concern for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. The process for the upcoming summer has not been announced, but the application deadline will likely be in early April. <http://www.pridelawfund.org/fellowships/summer-fellowships/>
- **CDO Website** lists diversity funding opportunities. <http://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/career-development/diversity-resources/>



LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION!

- www.PSJD.org to search for Public Service Internships and Funding.
- The Arizona Handbooks: <http://arizonahandbooks.com/u/bulawstudent> (password bulawarizona)