



School of Law

2025 Boston University School of Law Post-Graduate Fellowships: Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship, N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship, and Public Service Fellowships Application Tips & FAQs

What are the Boston University School of Law Post-Graduate Fellowships? Boston University School of Law will award several full-time public service fellowships, to a select group of its graduating students on a competitive basis.

- Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship (1 Fellowship Available for class of 2025)
- The N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship (1 Fellowship Available for class of 2025)
- The Public Service Fellowship (1 Fellowship Available for class of 2025)

The fellowship term will run from approximately September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

The Boston University School of Law Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship was established in 2020 through a dedicated gift to the Law School by Citrix Systems, Inc. to help a graduating third-year J.D. student secure a year-long placement at a nonprofit organization advocating for voting rights, criminal justice reform, or other social justice initiatives.

The goal of the **N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship** is to assist a graduating student in launching their career in the disability rights field and requires the fellow's work to be directly related to disability rights.

The goals of the **Boston University School of Law Public Service Fellowship** is to launch graduates' careers in public service, and to provide legal services to underserved populations and entities via placement of fellows in non-profit organizations and local and state government agencies that would not otherwise be financially able to support a new attorney.

What is the fellowship award? All Fellows receive salary of \$65,000 plus Boston University standard benefits. Fellows are employees of Boston University during the duration of the fellowship. Where financially needed, the **Citrix Fellow** will receive an additional stipend (up to \$8,000) to reimburse expenses related to bar preparation, moving, housing, and transportation. The Citrix Fellow may also receive additional compensation up to \$9,500 annually to help alleviate the burden of educational loan payments to the extent that the Citrix Fellow has outstanding educational loans. These amounts may be subject to taxes. Host organizations in the past have paid fellows directly the difference between the fellowship salary and what that organization would be a similarly situated individual within their organization.

Did I hear something about a BU specific Equal Justice Works Fellowship?

Yes! In addition to the fellowship categories mentioned above, through a donation made possible by a generous BU donor, there is also an opportunity for a BU graduate of the class of 2025 who applies for an Equal Justice Works Fellowship through the normal process (***note the EJW deadline 9/10/24***). Any BU student who submits an application to EJW with an eligible host and project that did not get funded by the national funders will be considered for BU specific funding for their EJW project. ***Only one such award is available, and that student must first have applied in a timely manner for an EJW fellowship.***

Envision your dream job. What would you like to do next year? What organization or government agency does the type of work that excites you? Where can you build skills and make connections that will help you find your next job?

Consider possible fellowship hosts. You can begin by **searching CareerHub** for postings from organizations interested in hosting a BU Law Postgraduate Fellow. Also check out PSJD to identify additional organizations seeking to host an externally-funded fellow. **PSJD search tip:** Under *Job Qualities*, select *Job Type / Postgraduate Fellowships / Legal: Project-Based*. Finally, consider reaching out to state or local government agencies and non-profit organizations ("eligible fellowship hosts") where you already have a relationship – perhaps developed through an internship or externship, pro bono service, or even prior to law school.

Approach potential fellowship host(s). You can reach out to any eligible fellowship host with a cover letter and a resume. In the first paragraph you should clearly articulate that you are writing to see whether they are interested in sponsoring your application for a BU Post Graduate fellowship (Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship, N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship, or Public Service Fellowship or). You can include a copy of the “Fellowship Host FAQ” in your outreach. ***If applying to a possible fellowship host listed on CareerHub, follow the instructions listed on the posting.***

Choose a fellowship host. Think about which entity will best position you for success. Factors for consideration include how closely connected the mission of the entity is to your overall career goals and your background; the quality of supervision you will receive; the need of the community you will serve; and the nature of the legal work.

If applying for the Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship or the N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship, confirm that the fellowship host handles relevant matters.

The Citrix Systems Racial and Social Justice Fellowship is only available for placements with Non-Profits

Work with the fellowship host. Provide the fellowship host with a copy of the “Fellowship Host FAQ” and encourage them to include as much detail in the fellowship host commitment letter about the organization or agency, supervision that will be provided, the work envisioned for the fellow (you!) and the need for the fellow’s work in the community. Applicants may choose to work with a fellowship host to design a specific project but are not required or expected to do so. The host may deploy the fellow as needed to perform general staff attorney functions. Host organizations are required to supply malpractice insurance (if applicable), legal training, and direct supervision of the Fellow by an attorney.

Recommendations. Approach law school faculty and/or employers as early as possible for letters of recommendation. Ideally the letters will detail your commitment to your proposed fellowship, to a career in public service, and your relevant skills.

Apply. Prepare excellent, error free materials. Spend time on your essay, making sure you describe your commitment to the work and mission of the organization or agency; the organization or agency’s impact on the community or issue it focuses on; how the fellowship fits into your career goals; and the nature of the legal work you will engage in.

CDO Advising. The CDO Advisors cannot review your application materials for the BUSL Postgraduate Fellowship Program but are available to assist you in identifying and approaching fellowship hosts, as well as for general advising on the application process. We will review applications for other non-BU fellowships like EJW, Skadden or Justice Catalyst.

Application Materials will be available on CareerHub starting in December.

Deadline: **NOON on March 31, 2025**