



Public Service Summer Funding 2025

step-by-step guide to applying

Deadline: Friday, January 31 at **5 PM**

Application form → [Google Form Submission](#)

Application requirements by January 31st:

- Short essay responses – see next page;
- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) for the upcoming academic year; and
- [Summer Federal Work-Study form](#) - available [online](#) or in the Law Financial Aid Office on the 12th Floor; may be submitted in-person or by email at bulawaid@bu.edu.

Quick FAQ:

- Do I need to already have a summer internship before I apply? No! No job needed to apply.
- I'm a 2L and already have a summer internship offer. Can I get an answer on funding early? Yes. 2Ls who have secured and accepted an offer by the January 31 deadline will only answer Question 4 and will receive a decision regarding summer funding by February 7, 2025.
- What if I get outside funding? Would I have to decline it to receive BU funding? Not necessarily! The Funding cap is \$12,000.
 - Check with the CDO and see the Application Packet about outside funding opportunities.
- I'm not sure if I want to work in public interest this summer...can I still apply if I'm unsure? Absolutely! There is a waitlist – if you decide to work elsewhere, another student will receive the funding.
- Wait . . . where am I supposed to submit my application? **Application form** → [Google Form Submission](#)

For any additional information, including grading breakdown, please see [the public service summer funding packet](#). This packet also includes additional details about deadlines beyond January 31.



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Short Essay Questions

Word limit for each question is 500 words. Include your BU Student ID Number in the application—review is anonymous.

Question 1 (4 points): Please describe your public interest or service aspirations. How do you plan to work in the public interest or service in the future? Are you interested in a particular area of the law, serving a particular community, advocating for a particular issue, or meeting a particular need? If so, why do you have this particular interest?

Question 2 (4 points): Please describe any past and current experiences and roles that demonstrate your commitment to public interest or service work, including your involvement in the public interest community at BU Law, if any. Also, please feel free to discuss any personal life experiences, whether they are your own or those of family members or friends, that motivate your interest and commitment to public interest work.

Question 3 (4 points): In what way would your work this summer help the organization or type of organization with whom you hope to volunteer? For example, what skills, abilities, and perspectives might you bring to your summer work that will be particularly valuable for the organization?

Question 4 – 2L Only (2 points): Based on your course work and prior summer position, how does your work this summer contribute to or align with your post-graduation public interest goals? (2L Note: if you have secured a summer position, this will be the only question that you must complete)

Question 5 (optional – only if applying for reproductive justice/reproductive rights positions): Please describe any past experience working on or studying issues of reproductive justice, reproductive rights, and/or reproductive health and indicate whether and how you plan to work on such issues in your future legal career. ****NOTE: This question will not be scored for the Public Service Summer Funding, but the answer will be conveyed to the BU Program on Reproductive Justice, which funds one or more summer positions****