



PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER FUNDING OPTIONS

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OVERVIEW

- Most Public Interest Summer positions do not pay
- Funding sources tend to support Public Interest Positions
- Funding sources are usually not available for Judicial Externships and Public Sector Jobs in Government (e.g. District Attorney, DOJ, City Attorney Summer jobs)
- Think outside the box, what other ways can I fund my summer job?
- Do a self evaluation. Can you afford an unpaid position over the summer?



HOW DO YOU FIND SUMMER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES?

- Log onto HCO (www.hastingscareersonline.com)
search summer funding, summer fellowships and fellowships.
- Visit www.PSJD.org > Resources > Funding Sources > Summer Funding
- Search Minority Bar Associations for Summer Funding
(for a list of bar associations click, <http://www.sfbar.org/mbc/>)
- Visit My Hastings
Sites > Career Development Office > Pages > Fund Your Job > Apply for Summer Funding



WHAT DO SUMMER FUNDING SOURCES REQUIRE?

- Cover Letter or Statement of Interest
 - Different than your statement of interest to get into law school.
 - Questions: What is your commitment to public interest?
Why do you want to work for that org?
- Resume
 - Remember public interest resumes can be up to two pages
- Employer Confirmation Letter from Hiring Org.
 - Proof that you have been hired
- Letter of Recommendation
 - Can be from a professor or a former employer
- List of References
 - Those who know you well can attest to your work style



CAN YOU APPLY TO MORE THEN ONE FUNDING SOURCE?

- Yes, you can and you should
- Most funders want you to seek funding from other sources
- Some will offset funding based on what you receive from other funders
 - **HPILF grant will be offset by what outside grants you receive.**
- Most want you to have a job in place before you apply



POPULAR SUMMER FUNDING SOURCES?

- **PSJD** <http://www.psjd.org>
 - **Equal Justice America Legal Services Fellowships**
(Awards 175 fellows a year direct legal services for the poor, Award up to \$4000)
(*Deadline for summer grant, March 18th 2019*) (Have fall/spring grants)
 - **EJW Rural Summer Corps**
EJW Veterans Legal Corps
EJW Crime Victims Legal Corps
<https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-students/part-time-summer/>
 - **Large law firms will sometimes have summer funding stipends**
Goodwin Procter 1L Diversity Fellowship
 - **Search “Scholarships” on the Financial Aid Page for a number of options**
Search for summer funding on HCO!
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POPULAR SUMMER FUNDING SOURCES

Search Bar Association Websites (see Bar Association of San Francisco > For Student > Minority Bar Associations (SF La Raza/BALIF, SABA, AABA,, NAPABA Law Foundation))

- CHARLES HOUSTON/PUBLIC ADVOCATES Arc of Justice \$5000
<https://www.publicadvocates.org/get-involved/fellowships/arc-of-justice-2019-summer-fellowship/>
- SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (SABA) \$4000
<http://www.southasianbar.org/foundation/>
- ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (AABA) \$5000
<https://www.aaba-bay.com/aaba-foundation/foundation-scholarships>
- NLG-Haywood Burns Summer Fellowship
<https://www.nlg.org/fellowships/>
- **American Bar Association Fellowships: [John C. Curtin Jr. Summer Internship Program](#)** (March 30th, 2019 - \$3200)



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

- **Dan Bradley Summer Fellowship**, Legal Aid Association of California or their partner organizations (last year April 5th, 2019)
- **Pride Law Fund-Steven Richter Fellowship**, (last year Apr. 15, 2018 - \$2500)
- **Fred T. Korematsu Fellowship**, (last year Feb. 2018 - \$6000)
- **Ms. JD Public Interest Scholarship**, (last year Mar. 31, 2018)
- **Google Policy Fellowship** (Deadline varies by organization - \$7500)
<http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/>
- **Peggy Browning Fellowships** (*funds fellows* Deadline Jan. 18th, 2019 - \$6000)
- **Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center** (*funds interns*)

This is not a comprehensive list but a starting point to help you with your search



SUMMER SCHOOL LOAN FOR PUBLIC INTEREST STUDENTS

Apply for Summer Classes

- Federal student loans are available for students enrolling at least 3 units per session.
- Need to submit a written request to the Financial Aid office.

If did not receive or apply for an HPILF Grant

- If you did not register for summer classes
- If you did not receive an HPILF grant
- You may be eligible for a SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT LOAN PROGRAM (SPIEL). *Financial Aid will contact you only if you applied to HPILF.*

Apply for a Scholarship

- [UC Hastings Financial Aid Page](#)



FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM

- Contact Financial Aid Office to verify if you are eligible for Work Study
- Apply for Summer Work Study for up to 40 hours a week
- What is Work Study?
 - \$ that comes from a grant given to Hastings by the Federal Gov't
 - Work Study is not a loan
 - Non Hastings employer must pay 40% of your total earnings
 - Hastings employer must pay 25% of your total earnings
 - On campus jobs **2L's earn \$16.65/hour** and **3L's earn \$17.51** regardless of whether they employed under the Federal WS Program or as a student employee
 - See Student Employment Guidelines

Funding is limited. Check with the Financial Aid Office for more information.



HPILF GRANT

- Application opens March 1st.
- **Deadline March 19th at 11:59 PM**
- No late applications will be accepted!
- Requirements: personal statement, resume and a complete application that includes an employer certification
- Application will be posted on www.uchpilf.org
- Announcing grant recipients in April/May



GLOBAL PROGRAM

UC HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL SUMMER STIPEND

International internship stipends are designed to help UC Hastings students defray travel and living expenses while working over a summer or semester on international issues.

- Internships may be with a non-governmental organization, international organization, or U.S. or foreign government agency, and must be an unpaid position.
- Internship stipends may not be awarded to students working with private law firms, even if the position is unpaid.* Internships that are obtained through study abroad programs are also not eligible.
 - **Deadline (Round 1 2/15/19) and (Round 2 4/1/19)**
 - *For more information:*
https://uchsimpplr.na96.visual.force.com/apex/Simpplr_app?u=/site/a0i4100000CZX7MAAX/page/a0c4100000ecSMvAAM



MEET WITH THE CDO STAFF

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Drop in Hours

10:00 to 12:00 PM Monday through Friday

3:00 to 5:00 PM Monday thorough Thursday

