



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)
 - [Judicial Externship Grants](#)
 - Jennifer Keller Externship Fund (coming in March)
 - Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship (2/1 PSJD.org)
- 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.
- Scholarship page on the Financial Aid page
- Visit www.PSJD.org > EXPLORE > Funding Sources > Summer Funding
- Search Minority Bar Associations for Summer Funding
(for a list of bar associations click,
<https://minoritybarcoalition.weebly.com/>)
- 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 then 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 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 March 25, 2020*) (Have fall/spring grants)
 - **EJW Rural Summer Corps**
\$5000 stipend (*Deadline February 10th, 2020*)
 - **EJW Immigration Summer Legal Corps**
\$5000 stipend (*Deadline February 17th, 2020*)
- <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-students/part-time-summer/>
- **Large law firms will sometimes have summer funding stipends**
Goodwin Procter 1L Diversity Fellowship \$10,000 (*Deadline February 28th, 2020*)



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/clerkfellowsvolunteers-opportunities/arc-of-justice-summer-fellowship/> (rolling)
- SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (SABA) \$4000 (rolling)
<http://www.southasianbar.org/foundation/>
(SABA-DC Public Interest Fellowship Program – April 2020)
- ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (AABA) \$5000 <https://www.aaba-bay.com/aaba-foundation/foundation-scholarships>
(2/21 for scholarships and 4/17 for summer funding)
- **American Bar Association Fellowship: [Homelessness and Poverty John C. Curtin Jr. Summer Internship Program](#)** \$3200 (March 27th, 2020)
- La Raza \$5000 Summer Fellowships (March 2020)
- Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) \$3000 Summer grant (April 2020)



SUMMER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

- BASF Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship \$10K (last year 4/20)
- ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund (Mid Feb)
- NAACP Earl Warren Scholarship (March)



SUMMER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

- **Dan Bradley Summer Fellowship**, Legal Aid Association of California or their partner organizations \$3000 (last year April 5th, 2019)
- **Pride Law Fund-Steven Richter Fellowship**, (last year Apr. 5, 2019 -\$3000)
- **NAPABA Foundation Fellowships**, (March/April – Fred T. Korematsu Summer Fellowship \$6000)
- **Ms. JD Public Interest Scholarship**, \$5000 (last year May 2019)
- **Legal Aid at Work**
(*matches your funding up to \$3200*)

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



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.
- Can be in the US or abroad – priority given to those going abroad
- Internships that are obtained through study abroad programs are also not eligible.
- Students will get typically \$2500 to \$3500 (up to \$45,000 if interning outside the US)
 - **Deadline (Round 1 2/14/20) and (Round 2 3/20/20)**
 - *For more information visit the Global Programs page on My Hastings:*
 - https://uch--simpplr.na96.visual.force.com/apex/simpplr_app?u=/site/a0i4100000CZX7MAA/X/page/a0c4100000ecSMvAAM



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 the last week of February
- **The deadline March 12th 2020 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



TARGETED FUNDS

- For the questions pertaining to targeted grants that have specific criteria, **please don't check the boxes if they don't apply.**
- Examples
 - Squire Patton Boggs Foundation **public policy** fellowship for people **interested in international law practice**

★ SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR TARGETED FUNDS

Please check each box for statements that apply to you. Before you check the box, please click [HERE](#) for details.

My summer employment will be in Washington D.C.

My summer employment involves public policy.

My summer employment involves international work, and I have a strong interest in international matters.

- Stephen Cone Fellowship grant for **rising 2L** students doing a **legal research & writing project** for a community-based organization (for which the finalists' organization will need to write a supporting letter)
- There may be a targeted grant for a student at Legal Aid at Work
- There is a targeted grant for a student doing **youth advocacy**
- Brian Gray fellowship for **2L** in **environmental law.**



Application Progress

✓ General Application

● HPILF Summer Grant Program 2018 ⓘ

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THE APPLICATION IS NOW CLOSED. ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PAST NOON ON THURSDAY 3/15 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

OVERVIEW

UC Hastings College of the Law has a proud tradition of developing talented public interest and government lawyers. It is important that UC Hastings continues its tradition of extending necessary financial resources to law students who wish to work at unpaid government and public interest positions during their summers in law school.

The HPILF Summer Grant Program offers up to \$4,000 in grants funded by multiple sources via a common application process. In accordance with HPILF's purposes and objectives, grants are awarded to students who are devoted to public interest/public sector law while in school and show promise as future advocates for justice.

Thank you very much for your interest in the HPILF Summer Grant Program. You may direct any questions to Erin Zatin at erinzatin@uchastings.edu.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for an **HPILF Summer Grant**, you must meet the following criteria (see [FAQ's for details](#)). Please check each box to indicate you understand the following:

- Be a UC Hastings first-year or second-year student;
- Be eligible for need-based financial aid;
- Have secured summer employment with a qualifying public interest or public sector organization;
- Have some form of attorney supervision;
- Work full-time for at least 8 weeks (but may combine part-time internships);
- Complete employer verification information with your HPILF Application;
- Volunteer ten (10) hours for HPILF during the 2018-2019 school year; or secure donations for the 2019 HPILF Gala subject to request of HPILF board; or a combination of five (5) hours and one (1) donation.
- Complete applications on or before **March 15th, 2018 at 12 PM. No Late Applications Will Be Accepted.**

[Click here for Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)



Note: Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

HPILF Summer Grant Program 2018

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Please check each box for statements that apply to you. Before you check the box, please click [HERE](#) for details.

- My summer employment will be in Washington D.C.
- My summer employment involves public policy.
- My summer employment involves international work, and I have a strong interest in international matters.
- My summer employment will be working for Legal Aid at Work.
- My summer employment involves environmental work.
- I am a veteran.
- I contribute to the economic, educational, and ethnic diversity of our student body.
- I would like to be considered for the Brian E. Gray Public Interest Fellowship in Environmental Law for 2L's
- I would like to be considered for the Stephen Cone Fellowship. My summer employment will include a legal writing project that will benefit a community-oriented, not-for-profit organization.
- None of the above

📄 Applicant Record

★ RESUME
Please upload a copy of your resume.

Save and Keep Editing

Finish and Submit



* PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please address the following points in an essay format. The word count for your essay should be 1000 words or less. (You are able to cut and paste from a Word document to this essay field, but please make sure to add space between paragraphs)

- *Explain why you are interested in public interest or public sector work.
- *Explain where you will be working this summer and how your work will serve the public interest.
- *Why would you like to work with this specific employer?
- *Describe past experiences that demonstrate your ongoing commitment to public interest or public sector work.
- *Describe your future career plans and how this work will further those goals.
- *How will you contribute to the community or communities in which you are working?

The image shows a screenshot of the HPILF App's essay editor. At the top, there is a toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Bulleted List, and Numbered List. To the right of these icons are buttons for Help, Preview, and Edit. Below the toolbar is a large, empty text area for writing the essay.

Words Used: 0 out of 1000

Example Formatting: ***bold***, *_italics_*

Full Screen 



★ HPILF GRANT APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I am automatically qualified to apply separately for a Summer Public Interest Employment Loan (SPIEL) if I do not receive an HPILF Grant. Please type your full name below to indicate you understand the following:

1. I am a UC Hastings first year or second year student.
2. I am eligible for need-based financial aid.
3. I have secured an unpaid internship at a government or non-profit institution this summer (signed the HPILF Summer Grant Certification).
4. UC Hastings Financial Aid Office will request a credit report from a national credit bureau to determine credit-worthiness and loan disbursements reported to a credit bureau.
5. If I take summer classes and receive an HPILF Grant, my summer living expenses will be reduced.
6. I can apply for SPIEL (if I do not receive an HPILF grant), UC Hastings International Summer Stipend, or UC Hastings Summer Scholarship.
7. If I qualify for SPIEL (by submitting this application), I do not have to accept the loan if granted.
8. The Financial Aid office is not part of the HPILF grant process and cannot answer questions about the grant.

★ HPILF SUMMER GRANT CERTIFICATION

By typing your full name below,

1. I certify that I will be working as an unpaid summer intern.
2. I will notify HPILF if I receive any project-related summer funding outside of the HPILF grant.
3. If it is determined that I qualify for "Targeted Funds," I authorize the sharing of my application materials with donors of those funds.
4. The information on this form is true, and I agree that an electronic signature is valid for all purposes as an original signature.

Save and Keep Editing

Finish and Submit



MEET WITH THE CDO STAFF

To make an appointment with a CDO Counselor click here, <https://tinyurl.com/uchastingscdo>

Drop in Hours

MORNINGS

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| Monday | 8:30-1030 |
| Tuesday | 10:00 to Noon |
| Wednesday | 10:00 to Noon |
| Thursday | 11:00 to 1:00 |
| Friday | 10:00 to Noon |

AFTERNOONS

Monday-Thursday
3:00 to 5:00 PM

