

## 2011 STANFORD LAW SCHOOL SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING PROGRAM

Stanford Law School strongly encourages students to engage in public interest work and provides summer funding grants for students with financial need.

- First-year and JSD students are guaranteed a \$5,000 grant and second-year students are guaranteed \$7,500. Joint-degree students may participate for a maximum of three summers, only one of which will qualify for the increased grant.
- To establish eligibility, students must meet both of the following criteria:
  - Work full-time for at least ten (10) weeks in a law-related public interest position during the summer<sup>1</sup> AND
  - Have at least \$8,500 in eligibility for need-based loans in the 2011-2012 school year.<sup>2</sup>

Funds for this program are pooled from several sources:

- Stanford Law School Summer Program Funds: Summer funding is made possible through generous donations from the Kenneth & Harle Montgomery Public Interest Grant Program, the Folger, Levin & Kahn Public Interest Fellowship, the Rothfeld Scholarship Fund, and the Isaac & Madeline Stein Public Service Fellowship.
- Federal Work-Study Program: The Law School receives work-study money from the University and dedicates the allocation to summer funding.

We encourage students to try to secure funding over the summer funding amount from employer contributions and/or outside summer funding programs. Outside funds may result in a reduction of the Stanford Law School grant as students may not receive more than \$7,500 from all sources for the summer. Students who receive \$7,500 or more in outside funds will no longer be eligible for our grant.

Summer employment funds will be disbursed every two weeks upon submission of a completed timesheet. **They are subject to tax withholding.** Special arrangements are available for foreign placements and those students who are not U.S. citizens.

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<sup>1</sup> This includes jobs with tax-exempt 501 organizations, government entities and some private, public interest law firms. Students who undertake judicial internships are not eligible for Summer Public Interest Employment Funds. Applicants are not required to have either received an official offer or accepted a position by the application deadline. Students without offers will still be included in the eligibility pool. However, employment verification must be made prior to fund disbursement.

<sup>2</sup> All financial data to be considered will be limited to the upcoming academic year. Note: 57% of summer earnings above \$6,000 will be counted as available for contribution to financial resources for the following academic year. Please see the Financial Aid office if you have questions about how the SLS grant and outside funding may impact your financial aid package.

## 2011 STANFORD LAW SCHOOL SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FUNDING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please go to <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/law/forms/summerfunding.fb> to submit your information.

**The on-line form, together with a resume, MUST be submitted to Nancy Patton ([nwpatton@law.stanford.edu](mailto:nwpatton@law.stanford.edu)), by 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**

### **Acknowledgments:**

1. I will work full-time for at least ten weeks in law-related public interest work this summer.<sup>3</sup>
2. I understand that my eligibility for funding is dependent upon the determination of my financial need. I hereby authorize the Stanford Law School Financial Aid Office to compute my financial need and release the results to Stanford Law School administrators for the sole purpose of this application.
3. I agree to immediately inform Levin Center staff if I receive any money from an employer or outside scholarship program. I acknowledge that if I receive \$7,500 or more, I am ineligible to receive Summer Public Interest Employment Funds and will withdraw my application. Outside funds may result in a reduction of the Stanford Law School grant so that I receive no more than \$7,500 from all sources.
4. I understand that I must submit each of the following in order to receive funding:
  - a. **Application Form - due April 13**
  - b. **Resume - due April 13**
  - c. **Offer of Employment Letter - due May 4** This is a soft deadline, as students who haven't finalized their summer employers can still submit paperwork letter. An Offer of Employment letter must be submitted before any funds can be disbursed.
5. I understand that I will be required to attend the summer funding workshop on **May 4, 2011** unless otherwise informed.
6. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the above documents are in my file with the Levin Center staff.
7. I understand that I may be required to complete federal work-study documents and to submit time sheets to receive Summer Public Interest Employment Funds in a timely manner. Students interning overseas and those who are not U.S. citizens are exempted from this requirement and will receive their funds through a different process.
8. I understand that I will be required to research and draft a Resource Memo, listing the contact information and briefly describing the work of organizations in the region of the country/world that perform work in similar areas of concentration (e.g., education, children's rights, criminal) as my summer organization. This memo must be returned to Levin Center Staff before the first day of class.
9. I understand that my last funding disbursement will be withheld pending submission of the Resource Memo and Evaluation.
10. I understand that I am responsible for consulting with my tax advisor regarding any resulting tax implications.

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<sup>3</sup> Any student failing to work for a minimum of ten weeks will be deemed to have earned \$5,000 or the amount of the full summer funding award for purposes of calculating financial resources for the following year. In addition, such failure may result in a reduction of Stanford University support of law school work-study funding in the future.