

2008-2009 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Public Interest Fellows Program provides financial and programmatic support to third-year Stanford Law School students who are committed to pursuing careers in public service. The financial support is in the form of a grant that will apply toward tuition, regardless of financial aid. If there are additional funds available, supplemental grants will be distributed based on financial need. Those students who have split their summer with a law firm will not be eligible for any supplemental grants.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All applying third-year law students who meet the following criteria will be named Public Interest Fellows for the 2008-2009 Academic Year:

- Spent at least ten (10) weeks during one summer and at least six (6) weeks during another summer working full-time in public interest law. **Public Interest includes work for non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, public interest law firms, legal services organizations, and law school clinical programs.
- Participated in the public interest mentoring program during their second-year, requiring students to meet with first-year mentees at least once a semester
- Committed to pursuing a career in public sector work upon graduation or following graduation

OBLIGATIONS

Those selected as Public Interest Fellows will work with the Levin Center in developing its various initiatives. The obligations of Public Interest Fellows include the following:

- Attend and/or participate in at least two of the following three major Levin Center events: the Annual Awards Dinner, Annual Symposium, and end of year Recognition Event
- Continue to serve as a mentor in the first-year mentoring program
- Participate in one retreat during the Fall semester, one retreat during the Spring semester, and bi-monthly luncheon meetings with Levin Center staff during the academic year
- Assist Admissions in recruiting prospective students by being available via email to prospective admitted students during the Spring Semester and working with the Levin Center Executive Director and Associate Dean of Admissions in planning programs for Admitted Students Day
- Participate in one of the following committees (1) Loan Assistance Repayment Advisory Program: this program requires students to assist the Levin Center Executive Director and CEO Frank Brucato in hosting loan assistance repayment programs for current students and LRAP recipients as well as in assisting the Center in developing an on-line community of LRAP recipients; (2) Pro Bono Advisory Committee: this committee will assist the Levin Center Pro Bono Coordinator in the development and execution of pro bono trainings, reflection sessions, and other programs related to the pro bono program; or (3) Public Interest Fellowship Program: this committee will meet with Levin Center staff in developing and implementing programs and projects for the Public Interest Fellows Program including developing an agenda for the bi-monthly meetings and both retreats.

**2007-2008 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP
Application**

Return this form to Room 21C, no later than 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone _____

1L Summer Employer(s): _____

2L Summer Employer(s): _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I verify that I meet all prerequisites to being named a Public Interest Fellow. I also commit to assuming the aforementioned responsibilities as part of my Public Interest Fellowship. Finally, I understand that continued appointment as a Public Interest Fellow in the Spring semester is contingent upon confirmation of intent to pursue postgraduate public interest careers. I will inform Levin Center staff once my postgraduate plans are confirmed.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Limited Waiver of Confidentiality

I grant the Law School permission to disclose the determination of my financial need (for purposes of determining the amount of a supplemental award, if any) to the selection committee with the understanding that this information will be kept in confidence by the committee and used solely for purposes of considering me for a supplemental Public Interest Fellowship grant.

Signature _____ **Date** _____