

2011-2012 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Public Interest Fellows Program provides programmatic and financial support to third-year Stanford Law School students who are committed to pursuing careers in public service immediately upon graduation or following a judicial clerkship. While many Stanford Law School students intend to eventually return to public service after forays in the private sector, this Program exists to support a cohort of students seeking public interest jobs during their 3L year or post-clerkship and support them in that endeavor. The financial support is in the form of a grant that will apply toward tuition, regardless of financial aid.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All rising third-year law students who meet the following criteria will be named Public Interest Fellows for the 2011-2012 Academic Year:

- Spent at least ten (10) weeks during one summer and at least five (5) 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, judges, 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 quarter OR served as a Pro Bono Project Leader working to coordinate one of the Levin Center's pro bono projects;
- Committed to pursuing a career in public sector work immediately upon graduation or following a judicial clerkship; and
- Willingly accept the obligations set forth below.

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 Fall Awards Dinner, Annual Symposium, and end of year Spring reception
- Continue to serve as a mentor in the first-year mentoring program, which requires meeting with your mentees at least twice each quarter
- Participate in quarterly 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 and Admissions in planning programs for Admitted Students Day
- Serve on one of the Committees, which will be determined at our first meeting during Spring quarter 2011
- Immediately inform Levin Center staff in order to withdraw from the Program if your plans change and you accept an offer from a large law firm or other non-public interest employer

Please complete the on-line form to indicate acceptance of these terms. It's located at:

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/law/forms/PIFellowsApplication.fb>