



LIMAN SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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The Liman Undergraduate Summer Fellowship offers college students an opportunity to participate in public interest law projects by offering a full stipend. Applications are due in December to the LAPA office. For complete information, see <http://lapa.princeton.edu/limanfellowship.php>.

Students may accept an internship before applying for the fellowship, or students may apply before they have located a position. Fellows should seek full-time public interest law-related work lasting at least 8-10 weeks during the summer. The internship may be *client oriented*, *direct-service case work*, *either civil or criminal*, such as enforcement work by government agencies or class action litigation by public interest law organizations, or *cause-oriented advocacy*, such as non-profit organizations' policy development and advocacy of legislative and regulatory reforms. The subject matter is not limited to any specific field, and thus, may range from civil rights and liberties to disability law and environmental protection.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Broadly defined, public interest law includes helping those often lacking resources to retain attorneys or to engage in advocacy work of a variety of kinds, to gain voice, and to participate in shaping public policy. Undergraduate Summer Fellows have worked on issues such as children's rights, immigrants' rights, drug policies, and the death penalty. Placements can include organizations providing civil or criminal legal services to individuals, representation of particular groups, entities focused on problems of legal and public policy and law-related media.

Need ideas of where to look? First, check out where past Fellows have interned at <http://islandia.law.yale.edu/liman/undergradsummer.htm>.

Second, utilize the resources of Career Services! Below are several resources to help you find an organization with which to intern.

TigerTracks: <http://www.princeton.edu/career>

- Log-in, click on "Jobs and Internships" and then on "Advanced Internship Search". Try different criteria in your search, and do multiple searches. You might try "public interest law," "death penalty" or "human rights" in the keyword section. For best results, keep your phrase in quotation marks. Or use the Industry selector to choose "Law" or "Non-Profit".

UCAN: <http://www.princeton.edu/career>

- If you have not already registered for a new account, do so by using your Princeton email address. You will then need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you and then wait 1 business day to receive another email address with your temporary password.
- Searching in UCAN is similar to searching in TigerTracks. See notes above for search ideas.

Internship Series Online: <http://www.internships-usa.com/intseries/int1.htm>

- This resource offers internship directories on different topics. Ones that might be of interest are:
 - Internships with Community and Social Service Agencies
 - Internships in International Affairs
 - Women's Rights Internships
 - Washington Internships in Law and Policy
 - The Human Rights Internship Book
- There is a username and password for this resource. Current Princeton students can call 258-3325 to receive that information.

CareerSearch: http://www.princeton.edu/career/careersearch_page.htm

- CareerSearch offers information and descriptions for nearly 2 million employers, both for-profit and not-for-profit. Search for companies by industry, location, keywords, or all three combined. You can download the information about these organizations, including contact names and addresses. You then have the resources you need to begin to contact these employers to find out about internship opportunities. **Great resource for locating organizations in a very specific geographic location!**
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Alumni Careers Network: http://www.princeton.edu/career/Undergrad/Start/connect_with_alumni.html

- Career Services maintains a database of over 4,500 alumni who have all volunteered to be a resource about career issues to students. Many alumni volunteer outright to give summer-job assistance. Those who do not volunteer directly to give summer-job assistance still volunteer to give advice and can often be a resource for ideas on organizations for you to look into.

Action Without Borders: <http://www.idealists.org/>

- Over 70,000 nonprofit and community organizations in 165 countries!
- Search for Organizations, Internships or Volunteer Opportunities. You can choose your geographic preference and your topic area of interest, e.g. “Legal Assistance” or “Human Rights and Civil Liberties.”

National Legal Aid & Defender Association: <http://www.nlada.org/Jobs>

- Do an advanced job search and click “Fellowship/Internship” to find the most appropriate opportunities.

ACLU: <http://www.aclu.org/affiliates/index.html>

- Contact state affiliates of the ACLU to see if they have summer positions available.

Volunteer Match: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

- Search by zip code radius to find volunteer opportunities. You choose your Interest Area such as “Justice & Legal” or “Advocacy & Human Rights.”

Government Internships: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/> and <http://www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.asp>

- Consider finding an internship with a federal, state or local government agency or office. For example, what about the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development? Or perhaps the District Attorney’s Office for the State of New York? The above websites can be a good start.

Still need help? Counselors at Career Services are available to help you navigate the above resources or to help you keep exploring to find additional opportunities. You can call 258-3325 to make an appointment. Or stop by Monday through Friday from 2 to 4pm for a 15-minute walk-in.