

# TEXAS LAW FELLOWSHIPS

## Fellow Application 2016

Each year, Texas Law Fellowships (TLF) awards \$4,000 to 1L and 2L students of The University of Texas School of Law who will spend their summers working for at least 400 hours (10 weeks) at a qualified public interest organization. **Qualified public interest organizations include:** (1) a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization, (2) a government agency, and (3) some international organizations. **The following are NOT eligible for a fellowship from TLF:** (1) labor unions, (2) lobbying entities, and (3) judicial internships.

### How Fellows are Chosen:

The number of fellowships that Texas Law Fellowships is able to award each year varies depending on fundraising. TLF will award fellowships to as many students as funds allow. In the past, TLF has been able to support anywhere between 15 and 41 students.

Fellows are awarded in one of two ways:

1. **Fundraising:** Two-thirds of TLF's fellowships will be awarded based on the number of donors who voted for an applicant or project.
2. **Holistic Review:** The remaining one-third of fellowships will be awarded based on a holistic review of applications. The review will be performed by a committee that includes UT Law faculty, staff, and students. Applicants remain anonymous during this process. The review committee will consider the following:
  - a. Commitment to public service;
  - b. Pro bono hours; and
  - c. Fundraising.

**If you are selected for a fellowship, you will be notified on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and be required to attend Getting the Most Out of Your Summer Non-Profit or Government Position on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Because TLF cannot guarantee funding to any students, we recommend that you also look into the following funding sources:

- Baron & Budd Fellowships
- CSO Study Break Public Service Stipends
- Equal Justice America Fellowships
- Equal Justice Works Summer Corps.
- Haywood Burns Fellowships
- Peggy Browning Fellowship Program
- Rapoport Center Summer Fellowships
- Texas Access to Justice Internships
- Whitehurst Public Interest Summer Fellowships
- See Pslawnet.org for additional summer funding options.

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I fully understand and am aware of the Texas Law Fellowships Fellows Requirements. I understand that the Board may revoke my fellowship and require immediate repayment of funds if I fail to fulfill the following commitments:

1. I commit to attending an interview with a TLF board member between March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 1.
2. If selected for a fellowship:
  - a. I commit to attending Getting the Most Out of Your Summer Non-Profit or Government Position on **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:30am-1pm in 2.140;
  - b. I commit to returning a signed letter of expected duties in a timely fashion;
  - c. I commit to writing a description of the work that I did during my fellowship; and a hand-written thank you letter to my fellowship's donor, if applicable;
  - d. I commit to providing TLF with a photograph from my summer work;
  - e. I commit to being available to speak briefly about my summer experience to donors or other students during the subsequent school year;
  - f. I commit to appropriately manage any funds pertaining to Texas Law Fellowships;
  - g. I commit to abide by the Law School Honor Code;
  - h. I commit to treat other Fellows and Professionals with respect and act professionally at all times in a manner that positively represents TLF; and
  - i. I commit to otherwise to meet the standards and responsibilities expected of TLF Fellows.

I agree that if I fail to comply with this agreement or voluntarily resign my membership, or if the Board revokes my membership before I graduate from law school, I shall only represent that I was a member of the Texas Law Fellowships if I specifically state the dates that I was a member, and if my membership was revoked, the fact that my membership was revoked.

AGREED:

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(Signature of Applicant)

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Date

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(Print Name)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year in Law School:            1L                      2L                      3L

Pro Bono Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

The number of pro bono hours you have worked while a student at UT Law. These hours will be verified against the Pro Bono Program's records, so make sure that you have reported your hours accurately.

Summary of Public Interest Work for Summer of 2016:

Eighty words or less describing the organization that you plan to work for and the type of work you will do. Your summary will be available on TLF's website and at the pledge drive table - this is your opportunity to persuade donors to vote for you!

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### Attachments Needed for Fellowship Consideration:

1. Essay - A minimum of 1000 words - with your name and/or any other identifying information removed – that describes:
  - a. your commitment to public service;
  - b. how you plan to use your TLF Fellowship;
  - c. the reason you selected your sponsoring agency and what you hope to gain from your time there; and
  - d. anything else you think that the selection committee should know.
2. Resume – a current resume with your name, contact information, and GPA removed.
3. Verification Letters – a letter from your employer (or employers if you are splitting your summer) that states the following:
  - a. they have a position for you;
  - b. they are unable to pay you, or the amount that they are able to pay you, if it is less than \$4,000 for 400+ hours of work;
  - c. the type of legal work you will do;
  - d. the name of your supervising attorney; and
  - e. verification of 501(c)(3) status (this may be done in the letter or by providing separate documentation).

### Encourage Students and Faculty to Donate on Your Behalf!

TLF's Spring Pledge Drive raises the majority of our yearly funding. Applicants help us raise money – and help their own chances of receiving a fellowship – by encouraging others to donate to TLF. Anyone who donates \$25 or more can vote for the applicants and organizations that they want TLF to fund!

#### DO:

- Write a persuasive summary to convince donors that your summer work is worth funding.
- Encourage your friends and family to donate to TLF during the Spring Pledge Drive.
- Support your classmates.

#### DO NOT:

- Put up posters or send mass emails.
- Loiter near the pledge drive table.
- Try to game the system.

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