Fellowships & Scholarships

A **fellowship** is an award given by an organization or institution to fund the advanced study or research of a graduate or student and generally requires an internship with the organization providing the stipend.

A **scholarship** is similar to a fellowship except the award is usually given to a currently enrolled student to be used towards tuition, books, room and board, research, travel or other educational related expenses to assist the student’s financial needs to continue their education.

The following fellowships and scholarships are available to provide financial assistance for post-graduate and current Elon Law students. This is not a complete list of fellowships and scholarships available to law students. Please note that this list is provided as a tool and you should check the individual websites for specific requirements and availability.

**1L STUDENTS**

- **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS** (United States and International)
  [http://www.asil.org/about/fellowships](http://www.asil.org/about/fellowships)
  ~ Fellows work under the direct supervision of ASIL’s director of education and research and are responsible for implementing a number of the Society’s research, education, and outreach programs. Specific assignments will be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on the strengths and interests of the Fellow and the needs of the Society.

- **COOLEY DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** (United States and International)
  ~ First year law students who demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity in their communities are invited to apply.

- **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS AMERICORPS JD** (United States)
  [http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/americorpsjd](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/americorpsjd)
  ~ AmeriCorps JD is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides law students with the opportunity to earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award for dedicating 300 hours of service to a qualifying legal project with a nonprofit program or other qualifying organization.

- **FISH AND RICHARDSON 1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP** (United States and International)
  ~ Candidates must be in good standing as a first-year law student at an ABA accredited law school; demonstrate a record of academic and professional achievement; contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the firm and legal community; and have a sincere interest in Fish & Richardson’s practice areas.
- **JAMES B. MCMILLAN FELLOWSHIP FUND** (Charlotte, NC)
  ~ The James B. McMillan Fellowship Fund has a goal of promoting justice and innovation within the legal system in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, by awarding fellowships to law students desiring work experience with nonprofit or governmental agencies. Typically, fellowships are awarded for summer positions, but the Fellowship Committee will consider applications for positions during a semester of the school year.

- **LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EQUALITY FELLOWSHIP**
  ~ The LGBT Bar Association of the District of Columbia will pay up to $1,000 to law students who are enrolled in a US accredited Law School and looking to work at DC-area LGBT legal non-profit organizations during the summer. The Equality Fellowships hope to encourage law students taking their first steps toward careers tackling our nation’s most complex LGBT legal issues.

- **MCGUIRE WOODS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP** (United States and International)
  ~ We are pleased to announce our first Diversity Scholarship Program that will award scholarships to diverse first-year law students who are committed to contributing to and supporting diversity within the legal profession.

- **RICHARD D. HAILEY AAJ LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** (United States)
  ~ These scholarships are open to all African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American and Bi-Racial AAJ Law Student Members.

- **SMITH MOORE LEATHERWOOD 1L DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP** (NC, SC, and GA)
  ~ The Smith Moore Leatherwood Scholarship is designed to promote law school opportunities for outstanding minority students and to enhance the likelihood that minority law school graduates will practice law in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, or the Southeast, particularly in larger law firms.

- **THE HAYWOOD BURNS MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE** (United States and International)
  [http://www.nlglaw.org/fellowships](http://www.nlglaw.org/fellowships)
  ~ The Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowship for Social and Economic Justice has its roots in the National Lawyers Guild’s established tradition of providing legal, political, and educational support to the important progressive movements of the day. Fellows have worked with groups to provide legal, political, and educational support on a wide variety of issues, including voting rights; union democracy; workplace health and safety; the death penalty and prison reform; lesbian/gay/bisexual/trans rights; defense of protesters from police harassment and criminal sanctions; and international human rights.
ZELLE HOFMANN VOELBEL & MASON DIVERSITY IN LAW SCHOLARSHIP
(MA, TX, MN, or CA)
-Diversity in Law Scholarship was created for law students who either (1) are a member of a diverse group (broadly defined to include race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical disability or economic/educational disadvantage) that is historically underrepresented in the private practice of law; or (2) demonstrate a long-standing commitment to diversity that will be furthered by award of the scholarship.

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CONSTANGY, BROOKS & SMITH, LLP DIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD
https://www.constangy.com/f-4.html
-Constangy, Brooks & Smith initiated its Diversity Scholars Awards program to recognize the achievements of law students who have demonstrated academic achievement, a commitment to diversity in their community, school or work environment, and personal achievements in overcoming challenges to reach goals.

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http://www.meckbar.org/newsevents/printerfriendly.cfm?CONT_ID=6692
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LATHAM & WATKINS DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
(MA, CA, NY, NJ, TX or Washington, D.C.)
http://www.lw.com/AboutUs/Diversity
-The Latham & Watkins Diversity Scholars Program is designed to increase the number of diverse law students studying at ABA accredited law schools who want to pursue a career in a global law firm and intend to practice law in the United States.
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http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/justice/hs.xsl/1739.htm
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✓ FRIED FRANK FELLOWSHIP (United States and International)

http://www.friedfrank.com/index.cfm?pageID=49
~ LDF and MALDEF Fellows spend two years as associates in Fried Frank’s litigation department, learning the ins-and-outs of complex cases.

✓ GEORGE LINDSAY CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP (Washington, D.C.)

http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/about?id=0006
~ The Lindsay Fellowship provides a one year fellowship opportunity for recent law school graduates to become familiar with civil rights practice by working with many of the nation's
leading civil rights experts at the national office of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C.

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- **NBLSA SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
  (United States)
  [http://www.nblsa.org/scholarships/](http://www.nblsa.org/scholarships/)
  - The NBLSA website has several scholarship opportunities that include the Rodney Pulliam Memorial Scholarship, Sandy Brown Memorial Scholarship, NBLSA Outstanding Student Leader Scholarship and Nelson Mandela Scholarship. Please see the website for individual scholarship details.

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**POST GRADUATE**

- **2014-2015 RUTH CHANCE LAW FELLOWSHIP** (California)
  - Ruth Chance Law Fellow serves as a Staff Attorney and oversees the advice and counseling programs, assists other attorneys with litigation and special projects, and participates in public education efforts.

- **ALAN R. AND BARBARA D. FINBERG FELLOWSHIP** (New York)
  [http://www.hrw.org/about/fellowships](http://www.hrw.org/about/fellowships)
  - Established in memory of Alan R. and Barbara D. Finberg, early supporters of Human Rights Watch (“HRW”), this fellowship is open to recent graduates (at the Master’s level) in the fields of law, journalism, international relations, or other relevant studies. Graduates with L.L.B. degrees or advanced degrees in other relevant disciplines may also be considered.
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- **ASHOKA FELLOWSHIPS FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS** (International)  
  [https://www.ashoka.org/fellows](https://www.ashoka.org/fellows)  
  Ashoka Fellows are leading social entrepreneurs who are recognized to have innovative solutions to social problems and the potential to change patterns across society, while working in over 70 countries around the globe in every area of human need.

- **DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION & DEFENSE FUND - 2015-2017** (California)  
  The Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund, located in Berkeley, California seeks candidates for collaboration on Skadden, Equal Justice Works (EJW), and other public interest fellowship applications for the two year period beginning fall 2015. If awarded, such fellowships offer recent law graduates an invaluable opportunity for entry-level training in impact disability civil rights litigation, as well as many other aspects of a public interest practice.

- **ECOHOING GREEN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP** (United States and International)  
  [http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship](http://www.echoinggreen.org/fellowship)  
  Through our two year Echoing Green Fellowship program, we provide start-up capital and technical assistance to help new leaders launch their organizations and build capacity of their social enterprise.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE** (United States and International)  
  The law fellow works closely with ELI attorneys and other professionals, including ELI’s international partners, to advance environmental protection by analyzing existing legal tools, developing new ones, and crafting innovative approaches to implementation.

- **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS AMERICORPS JD** (United States)  
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**INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP** (Philadelphia, PA)
- The Independence Foundation is committed to the support of free legal service for poor and disadvantaged residents of the Philadelphia region.

**INSTITUTE FOR CURRENT WORLD AFFAIRS** (International)
[http://www.icwa.org/FellowshipProgram.htm](http://www.icwa.org/FellowshipProgram.htm)
- The ICWA fellowship program aims to nurture deep expertise in foreign countries and cultures by supporting a fellow who carries out a program of self-designed, independent study abroad for a minimum of two years.

**JOHN J. GIBBONS FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW** (Newark, NJ)
- The Gibbons Fellows, together with the law firm, undertake public interest and constitutional law projects and litigation.

**JUVENILE LAW CENTER ZUBROW FELLOWS** (Philadelphia, PA)
[http://www.jlc.org/about-us/who-we-are/working-at-jlc/zubrow-fellowship-childrens-law](http://www.jlc.org/about-us/who-we-are/working-at-jlc/zubrow-fellowship-childrens-law)
- Zubrow Fellows are involved in training, legislative efforts, litigation, policy work and some direct representation on issues ranging from the rights of dependent youth aging out of the foster care system to the needs of juveniles reentering the community from delinquent placements.

**LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA, CLIFTON W. EVERETT SR. COMMUNITY LAWYER FELLOWSHIP** (North Carolina)
- The Everett Fellowship provides an excellent opportunity for a post-graduate to gain litigation experience and provide valuable service to low-income rural communities.

**RELMAN CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP** (Washington, D.C.)
The Relman Civil Rights Fellowship offers one talented and committed new attorney the opportunity to litigate important civil rights cases with experienced practitioners at Relman, Dane & Colfax. We created this one year fellowship to help us provide clients with legal services of the highest quality while promoting social justice through vigorous enforcement of our nation’s civil rights laws.

- **ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION** (Germany)  
  [http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/robert-bosch-foundation-fellowship-program](http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/professional-fellowships/robert-bosch-foundation-fellowship-program)  
  ~ The Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program is a distinguished transatlantic initiative that each year offers twenty accomplished young Americans the opportunity to complete a comprehensive 9 to 12 month professional development program in Germany.

- **ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND FELLOWSHIPS IN NONPROFIT LAW** (New York, NY)  
  [http://www1.law.nyu.edu/ncpl/resources/RBF_fellowship.html](http://www1.law.nyu.edu/ncpl/resources/RBF_fellowship.html)  
  ~ The Fellowship, funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, permits one fellow each year to spend one year in residence at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City, working closely with Vera’s General Counsel and Special Counsel on legal issues faced by Vera. In addition, the fellow will be deployed to Vera’s various projects and programs to address the legal, business, and organizational issues confronted by these programs and projects.

- **SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LAW FELLOWSHIP** (Washington, D.C.)  
  [http://www.peggybrowningfund.org/fellowships/for-law-students/summer-fellowship-positions/item/90](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org/fellowships/for-law-students/summer-fellowship-positions/item/90)  
  ~ The SEIU Law Fellowship Program was established to expose recent law graduates to legal work within an international union and offers an excellent opportunity for new lawyers to work with experienced union-side lawyers on a variety of cutting-edge issues related to the advancement of workers interests.

- **THE SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** (United States)  
  [http://www.skaddenfellowships.org/about-foundation](http://www.skaddenfellowships.org/about-foundation)  
  ~ The Skadden Fellowship Program was established because of the dire need for greater funding for graduating law students who wish to devote their professional lives to providing legal services to the poor (including the working poor), the elderly, the homeless and the disabled, as well as those deprived of their civil or human rights.