FUNDING YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER WORK
Financial Aid Options

• Federal Direct Loan Option
  • Request by April 27, 2021
• Federal Work-Study Option
  • 2021-2022 FAFSA application by March 2, 2021
  • Request by April 27, 2021
King Hall Public Service Fellowships

• The King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF) Fellowships

• The University of California Presidential (UCOP) Summer Public Service Law Fellowships

• The John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowships
KHLF Funding

- Eligibility: Must be a member; must complete volunteer hours; secure work for an eligible non-profit or government agency (excludes judicial and prosecutorial work)

- Amount: Depends on funding availability. Has been as much as $4000 to students who did not receive other funding & up to $2000 for those who did. Can receive other funding with a cap of $10,000. Part-time work can be funded on a pro-rated basis.

- KHLF is an independent, student-directed non-profit organization. A selection committee reviews applications and awards are granted based on a selection criteria developed in accordance with its mission.
John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship

• Number of Fellowships: 3
• For: Unpaid legal work at non-profit organizations or government agencies (excludes judicial externships)
• Award: $5,000
• Same eligibility requirements as UCOP
• Awarded to the highest cumulative scores
UCOP Summer Public Service Fellowship

- Number of Fellowships: dependent on funding
- For: Legal work at non-profit organizations or government agencies (excludes judicial externship)
- Maximum Possible Award: $4,000 (1Ls)/$4,500 (2Ls)
- To be eligible you must: secure a full time position prior to deadline and perform at least 10 hours of volunteer public service work (or 5 KHLF auction hours)
Selection Process

- A committee reviews and scores the applications
- The 3 highest cumulative scorers will receive Stevens Fellowships
- UC Presidential Summer Fellowships will be awarded to the next highest scorers, in turn, until fellowship funds are exhausted.
- Scored Criteria:
  - Demonstrated commitment to Public Service ranks high
  - Impact of proposed work on vulnerable communities
  - Qualifications to perform work
  - Strength of application materials – proof read, ask me
  - Level of demonstrated need for fellowship
Award Amount

- JPS: $5000 – cannot receive any other funding
- UCOP: up to $4000/$4500, dependent on other funding
  - Any funding received for the same work will be discounted .50 on the dollar
  - While additional funding will reduce your UCOP award, your overall summer funding will never be less than the full UCOP Award
    - Ex: You get a $2000 grant, your UCOP award will be $3000/3500 (reduced by $1000); your total for the summer will be $5000/5500
Application

• Available now:
  • https://law.ucdavis.edu/career-services/public-service-fellowships/summer-information.html

• Application Cover Sheet
  • Fillable PDF
  • Pay attention to this sheet. Check what you are eligible for
  • Be sure to check the affirmations
Application

- Resume
- Statement of purpose (2 pages)
  - I can review!
- Short paragraph about financial need
- Confirmation of qualifying employment by employer
  - This can be an email chain of your acceptance
- Opens March 10 – April 7
Frequently Asked Questions

• CHECK THE FAQs!: https://law.ucdavis.edu/career-services/public-service-fellowships/summer-faq.html
  • Is my job eligible?
  • What if I don’t have a job by the deadline or want to accept another job after the deadline?
  • What about the Workers’ Rights Clinic? How do I submit/verify my hours? Is there a list of places to volunteer?
  • When will I find out if I received the award?
Other funding sources

• Local bar associations, affinity groups
• PSJD.org
  • Resource center – summer funding primer
  • https://www.psjd.org/summer-funding
• Some paid public service externships
• Research Assistant
• Non-legal job (ride-share, barrista, server, etc.)
QUESTIONS???