



LEGAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:
IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

California Bar Foundation offers a new, two-year fellowship opportunity for diverse attorneys who are committed to improving the lives of California's immigrant communities. We will be hiring two legal fellows, each for a two-year period, to support immigrant integration and refugee resettlement efforts in California. This position is based in Sacramento.

Some of the recently enacted state immigrant integration laws include the California Dream Act, which allows top students who are on the path to citizenship to apply for college financial aid; legislation to extend health care coverage and other protections to undocumented children in the state; AB 60, which extends the legal right to drive on the state's roadways to millions more Californians; and a number of other laws to enhance school, workplace and civil protections for California's hardworking immigrants. California continues to support refugee resettlement as well through a range of programs, including Syrian refugees living throughout California.

To support state level efforts to coordinate immigrant and refugee services and monitor the implementation of immigration assistance programs and policies, California Bar Foundation seeks to hire two driven, passionate legal fellows who seek to empower immigrant and refugee communities throughout California. Given the particular urgency California's immigrant and refugee communities face at this time, legal fellows should have proven passion for immigration law and/or policy to assist in the further development of immigrant integration services and policy implementation. Legal fellows will work closely with the California Governor's Office Director of Immigrant Integration. The opportunities for the fellows include the following assignments:

- Project Assignments:
 - Provide legal and policy research on federal and state programs that serve immigrants and refugees in California in an effort to facilitate implementation of legislation.

- Assist with drafting and updating comprehensive reports of immigrant assistance programs and policies.
- Establish a statewide stakeholder engagement process and coordinate community meetings to provide input and share information about immigrant integration programs.
- Provide technical assistance and best practices research to agencies and departments in the areas of language access policy and other immigrant and refugee policies.

Qualifications

- Law degree
- Record of experience serving immigrant and/or refugee communities
- Strong desire to be part of a small, hard working, dynamic team addressing a range of immigrant integration efforts, including recent Executive Orders pertaining to immigration
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout California
- Ideal candidates will have bilingual language ability
- California Bar Foundation is an equal opportunity employer. Diverse candidates from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession are strongly encouraged to apply

Position Details, Salary & Benefits

The ideal fellows would serve two-year terms beginning May 1, 2017. Fellowship salary will be commensurate with experience. Medical and dental benefits included, as well as paid sick leave, paid vacation time, 403(b), and commuter benefits.

Both legal fellows will be invited to participate in all California Bar Foundation fellowship programming and convenings, and will have the opportunity to collaborate with the California Bar Foundation's statewide community of legal fellows, scholars and grant recipients.

Application Instructions

To apply, please send your resume, references, 1-2 page writing sample, and a one-page cover letter to Sheila Bapat at sheilab@calbarfoundation.org. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. The deadline to apply is Monday April 17, 2017.

About the California Bar Foundation Legal Fellowship Program

Launched in 2015, California Bar Foundation's Legal Fellowship Program supports diverse, emerging leaders of the legal profession who are committed to representing low-income and underserved populations in California. Our goal is generate career opportunities for diverse attorneys who want to make a social impact.

California Bar Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation. At CBF, we believe that as trustees of the justice system, lawyers have a special responsibility to ensure access to justice. We are working toward a future where empowered donors and community leaders are working together to build a better, more accessible justice system for all Californians. Through this fellowship program, along with our diversity scholarships and grants, the California Bar Foundation is catalyzing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession and, by extension, the justice system as a whole. For more information about the California Bar Foundation Legal Fellowship Program, email Sheila Bapat at sheilab@calbarfoundation.org.