Program Overview

The Georgetown Law Partner Fellowship Program is an innovative approach to addressing unmet legal needs while also supporting Georgetown Law graduates committed to careers in public service. The Program contributes $20,000 towards one-year fellowships for recent Georgetown Law graduates at host non-profit organizations or government agencies that provide matching funding.

Georgetown Law’s top-ranked clinical program, expanded experiential course offerings, and unparalleled support for public interest-oriented students ensure that host organizations will receive superbly trained and committed advocates. Previous host organizations include:

- ACLU of Alaska
- Campaign Legal Center
- Catholic Charities’ St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance
- DC Office of the Attorney General
- DC Public Charter School Board
- Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services
- International Corporate Accountability Roundtable
- Lawyers Without Borders
- New York County District Attorney’s Office
- Orleans Public Defender
- The Electronic Privacy Information Center
- The School Justice Project

FAQs

What organizations may host a Partner Fellow?
Any 501c(3) non-profit organization or federal, state, or local agency.

What are the requirements of host organizations?
- Match Georgetown’s contribution of $20,000 per fellowship for the fellow’s salary;
- Employ the Partner Fellow full-time for one year;
- Enter into a simple Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Georgetown. A sample MOU is available upon request.

Are there restrictions on the Georgetown funding?
No. Host organizations determine the scope of their Partner Fellow’s duties.

Who can initiate a Partner Fellowship?
- A Host: Any eligible organization or agency can approach Georgetown to create a Partner Fellowship. Selected hosts then work with Georgetown to recruit applicants and the host selects their Fellow(s).
- A Student: Students can create a Fellowship with a host of their choosing as long as both the student and potential host organization are eligible.

FAQs continued

Is the number of fellowships limited?
No. All Georgetown JD graduates are eligible to participate in the year following their graduation. Many organizations hire multiple fellows each year.

What type of work do Partner Fellows typically do?
The specific duties of each Partner Fellow are determined by the host organization to meet its particular needs. The goal is for Partner Fellows to receive comprehensive training and substantive law-related experience during the course of the fellowship.

When do Partner Fellowships begin?
Typically, Fellowships begin in the fall following the Fellow’s graduation from Georgetown Law. Some fellowships begin later, but all must begin by February following the Fellow’s graduation.

What is Georgetown’s role during the year?
Georgetown works closely with Partner Fellows and host organizations throughout the one-year fellowship. Georgetown’s career advisors provide ongoing support to Partner Fellows regarding their post-fellowship and long-term career plans. Georgetown is also piloting a training and mentoring program to help bridge the gap between law school and practice that will supplement the host organizations’ existing professional training and development programs.