

**Application for 2025-2026 Fellowship Year**

**Please note that this application is due on Friday, November 15th by midnight, Eastern Standard Time. We are unable to consider late applications.**

The Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program (WLPPFP) at Georgetown University Law Center offers one and two-year Fellowships for public interest lawyers who are committed to advancing women’s rights throughout their careers. The program accepts J.D. graduates from any accredited U.S. law school. In certain circumstances, recent LL.M. graduates may be considered. Although each Fellowship experience is unique, all fellows work to advance gender justice, learn about substantive women’s rights issues, explore a multitude of career paths through which they can advocate for equality, and develop their legal and interpersonal skills through seminars, trainings, networking events, and other activities. Please note: Seminars and events take place in person, so Fellows must reside in the Washington D.C. area, even if their placement is virtual or hybrid.

**WLPPFP Fellowship Placements**

**You will be considered for placements with the following organizations if you apply for the Non-Clinical Fellowship. These are one-year positions, beginning September 2, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026. The salaries vary, but the minimum is $60,000. It is strongly advised that you familiarize yourself with these organizations before completing this application.**

* The Small, Webber, Spencer Litigation Fellowship at the National Women’s Law Center in the Reproductive Rights and Health group;
* The Maeve McKean Fellowship, split between the National Health Law Program (NHeLP) and The O’Neill Institute at Georgetown University Law Center;
* The National Partnership for Women and Families, Economic Justice group.
* Tentative, pending confirmation of funding in early 2025:
	+ The Georgetown Center on Gender Justice & Opportunity
	+ The Clooney Foundation for Justice

**Clinical Fellowship Placement**

One two-year Fellowship at Georgetown Law as a Domestic Violence Clinical Teaching Fellow beginning in July 2025. This position involves collaborating with the Clinic faculty directors as you learn to teach in the law school clinic seminar and to supervise students who represent indigent survivors of domestic violence in civil protection order cases in D.C. Superior Court. The salary for this fellowship is $70,000 the first year, $75,000 the second, and this Fellowship serves as a strong springboard for a permanent clinical faculty position at law schools around the country.

* You must have successfully passed a Bar exam by the time you submit your application, with no exceptions. 2025 graduates are not eligible. Fellows who are not members of the D.C. Bar must apply for admission by waiver upon accepting the fellowship offer. The costs associated with this process will be covered by Georgetown.
* Teaching Fellows will receive an LL.M. degree from Georgetown upon completion of their two-year fellowship. For more information about the DV clinic fellowship, and about the Clinic itself, visit <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/experiential-learning/clinics/our-clinics/domestic-violence-clinic/graduate-teaching-fellowships/>

**Please submit the following:**

1. The **Application Form**.
2. The appropriate **essay questions**, depending on whether you are applying for the Non-Clinical Fellowship Placements or the DV Clinical Teaching Fellowship.
3. **Current resume**, indicating your employment history; your education (including participation in any extracurricular activities, clinics, law journals, moot court competitions, etc.); any published materials or other significant original research papers; any special honors, awards, scholarships, or fellowships; your memberships in organizations or community activities, including any leadership roles.
4. **Two letters of recommendation**, which should include each recommender’s contact information, including name, address, telephone number, and a brief explanation of each recommender’s knowledge of your academic and/or work performance. Your recommendation letters may be included in application, or emailed directly from the recommender.
5. **Official law school transcript**. This can be sent after the deadline, but must be received before January 10th.

**How to submit your application:**

Applicants for the Non-Clinical Fellowship placements should submit their applications, including Essays 1 and 2, to morrisjc@georgetown.edu. Applicants for the DV Clinical Teaching Fellowship should submit their applications, including Essays 1 and 3 to dvclinic@law.georgetown.edu. Please save your documents with your last name and a descriptor, e.g. MorrisonEssay1 **The deadline for both non-clinical and clinical placements is Friday, November 15th.**

If you wish to be considered for both the Non-Clinical Fellowship Placements and DV Clinical Teaching Fellowship, submit your application, including only the essays appropriate to each fellowship, to both of the respective email addresses above.

Please be sure to refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/wlppfp-us-fellowships/frequently-asked-questions/). If you are unable to find the answers to your questions on our website, please email morrisjc@georgetown.edu. Please direct questions about the DV Clinical Teaching position to dvclinic@law.georgetown.edu.

The earliest you will be contacted for an interview for the non-clinical placements is December 10th, so please be patient. Interviews are by video conference, and take place in mid-January. Final decisions are typically made within three weeks of the interviews. The Fellowship award process will be conducted on an ongoing basis as we match Fellowship candidates with placement organizations. Please inform us if you’ve taken another position and would like to withdraw. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program, and thank you for your commitment to gender justice!

**Application Form**

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| 1. TELEPHONE NUMBER
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| 1. PERMANENT ADDRESS
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| 1. E-MAIL ADDRESS
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| 1. DATE OF BIRTH
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| 1. CITIZENSHIP
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| 1. If you applied to WLPPFP before, what year(s) did you apply?
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| Please note if you were given an interview and with what placement organization: |
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| 1. How did you hear about WLPPFP?
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| 1. Are you applying for a non-clinical fellowship placement?
 |  | Yes |  | No |
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| Are you applying for the Domestic Violence Teaching Fellowship? |  | Yes |  | No |

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| 1. LAW SCHOOL
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| Grade Point Average (or class rank if GPA is unavailable): |  |

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| 1. Please indicate journals /clinics/practicum courses or research assistantships if applicable:
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| 1. If you are not currently a full-time student, list your present position and employer:
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| 1. If you are doing a judicial clerkship, please provide the jurisdiction and judge:
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| 1. Provide the jurisdiction/s in which you are now a member of the bar and the dates of admission. If you have passed a bar and are awaiting admission, please also name the jurisdiction and exam date:
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| 1. List any bar examinations (and dates) that you plan to take prior to the Fellowship:
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| 1. List any foreign languages you speak and your level of proficiency:
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| 1. WLPPFP actively recruits and welcomes a diverse pool of applicants. For all applicants to non-clinical fellowship placements please mark the appropriate box(es) if you wish to provide this information.
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|  |  | Asian/Pacific Islander |  | Disability |
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|  |  | Caucasian/White |  | Other |  |

For applicants to the Domestic Violence Clinic: Please know that we focus on each individual applicant and consider all of the varied experiences and abilities that contribute to their potential as a lawyer, teacher, and clinical supervisor. If you would like to share any additional personal perspectives, reflections, or experiences—whether positive, challenging, a combination of both, or something else entirely—that are not already covered in the other application essays and have contributed to who you are as a person, as a lawyer, or as a clinical teacher or supervisor, we invite you to do so in the space below:

**Essay Questions**

Please write brief essays to answer each of the following questions. Each essay should not exceed 3 double spaced pages, or a total of 6 double spaced pages (9 if you are applying to both non-clinical and clinical fellowships).

1. **All Applicants**

Explain why you would like to participate in the Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program and how both your personal career goals, as well as the cause of gender equality, would be advanced through your participation in WLPPFP. Please include any information about your background or experience, what motivates you to want to work on these issues, as well as your future plans that you would like to be considered in our evaluation.

1. **Applicants for the Non-Clinical Fellowship Placements**

Describe any issues that are of special interest to you and whether you are interested in a particular type of legal practice (e.g. direct legal services, public policy advocacy, impact litigation). Expressing an interest in specific issues or organizations does not preclude an applicant from being considered for other Fellowships unless you indicate a preference not to work on a particular issue, or in a particular setting.

1. **Applicants for the Domestic Violence Clinical Teaching Fellowship**

Describe why you are interested in an intensive clinical teacher-training program, any litigation, policy, scholarly, or advocacy experience you have had, and what motivates you to work in the field of domestic violence.