



Georgetown Law Partner Fellowship Program

Program Overview

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

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 Virginia
- Campaign Legal Center
- Crisis Action
- Electronic Privacy Information Center
- Environmental Working Group
- DC Office of the Attorney General
- DC Public Charter School Board
- Humane Society of the United States
- Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services
- Lawyers Without Borders
- New York County District Attorney's Office
- Veterans Education Success

FAQs

What organizations may host a Partner Fellow?

- Any 501c(3) nonprofit organization or state or local government agency.
- International nonprofits and 501c(4)/(6) organizations may be eligible with pre-approval.

What are the requirements of host organizations?

- Pay the fellow a salary of at least \$40,000 (most pay more, \$50,000 is the average);
- Hire the fellow full-time for one year as an employee (not contractor or volunteer); and
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Georgetown. *Sample MOU available upon request.*

What is the process for recruiting a Partner Fellow?

- Interested employers work with Georgetown to create position announcements and solicit applications from eligible candidates.
- Partner Fellowship advertisements are typically finalized in early-January and announced to students in late-January. Fellowship hiring typically happens February through March. Georgetown will accommodate employers on different timelines.

When do Partner Fellowships begin?

- Typically, fellowships begin in August or September following the Fellow's graduation. Some fellowships begin a few months earlier or later, but all must begin by February following the Fellow's graduation and last one full year.

FAQs continued

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 program's goal is for Partner Fellows to receive comprehensive training and substantive law-related experience during the course of the fellowship.
- Fellows *may not* engage in partisan political campaign activities or lobbying.

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 also offers a training and mentoring program to fellows in the DC-area to help bridge the gap between law school and practice that can supplement the host organizations' existing professional training and development programs.

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