

Congratulations on your acceptance to Georgetown Law!

We are writing to invite you to apply to a pre-orientation program for incoming JD students called **RISE** (***Reaching** potential through professional **Identity** formation, acquiring the **Skills** for success, and **Engaging** with mentors across Georgetown Law*).

In keeping with Georgetown Law's commitment to diversity and social justice, RISE is designed to serve incoming JD students from backgrounds historically underrepresented in law school and the legal profession, including but not limited to underrepresented racial, ethnic, geographic, socioeconomic, and first generation college backgrounds. RISE is intended to help underrepresented students form community with other entering students before classes begin; obtain the essential academic and professional skills that law school and the legal profession demand; and build relationships with peer mentors, teaching fellows, faculty, staff, and alumni across the Georgetown Law community.

RISE includes two central components:

First, a rigorous week-long pre-orientation program, with opportunities to participate in simulated classes, homework and exams; enhance your leadership and professional success skills; and meet faculty, senior staff, and upper-class students in an informal setting before classes begin. And, second, weekly opportunities throughout the first year to hone your critical thinking and legal writing skills and explore the profession under the guidance of senior staff and alumni mentors.

RISE pre-orientation week runs from **the evening of Sunday, August 16 through Friday, August 21, 2020 (the week before Orientation)**. Please do not submit an application unless you are committed to participating in the full pre-orientation week.

If you wish to be considered for participation in RISE, please fill out [this application form](#) as soon as possible and no later than **June 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** **We recognize that COVID-19 has created a lot of difficult challenges for a lot of people. If you have any trouble meeting this deadline, please just email either of our RISE Co-Directors, Maura DeMouy, [mld127@georgetown.edu](mailto:mld127@georgetown.edu), or Nicole Sandoz, [ns1028@georgetown.edu](mailto:ns1028@georgetown.edu).**

Please note that we anticipate accepting a maximum of 65-75 students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, and thus may not be able to accept all candidates who apply. We will notify all candidates of our decision on **June 18, 2020**.

To learn more about RISE, please take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions [here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact our RISE Co-Directors, Director of Academic Success Maura DeMouy, [mld127@georgetown.edu](mailto:mld127@georgetown.edu) or Director of Student Life Nicole Sandoz, [ns1028@georgetown.edu](mailto:ns1028@georgetown.edu).

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