



## *Toll Public Interest Center*

### **Penn Law Public Interest Fellowship**

Penn Law is committed to supporting its students who seek public interest careers. To that end, the Law School has established the **Penn Law Public Interest Fellowship**, which funded its first Fellow in the Fall of 2010. This Fellowship offers recent Penn Law graduates the opportunity to gain entry into a national or international public interest organization, helping to launch the Fellow's public interest career. Penn Law graduates may apply for this Fellowship in the spring of their last year of law school or at the conclusion of a judicial clerkship.

The Penn Law Public Interest Fellowship is a project-based, national or international fellowship awarded for a one-year term beginning in August or September 2011. The fellow will design his or her own project, which must be "law-related" insofar as it substantially utilizes the legal training and skills of the graduate. In addition, the fellow must partner with a "public interest" organization.<sup>1</sup> Applications are due on February 28, 2011, and a fellow will be selected by April 1, 2011 by a committee of Toll Public Interest Center Advisory Board members. The fellowship carries a stipend of \$42,500 plus benefits (to be provided through sponsoring organization). Recipients are also eligible for the *Penn Law Toll Loan Repayment Assistance Program (TollRAP)*.

### **Application Procedure**

Applications must be received electronically (PDF preferred) no later than **Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.** Email the application to [tor@law.upenn.edu](mailto:tor@law.upenn.edu). Late applications will not be considered.

Complete applications will include the following:

1. An Application Cover Page
2. A current résumé.
3. A personal statement (no more than 3 double spaced pages) that describes your relevant experience, interests, future goals with respect to public interest work, and any other reasons the committee should consider awarding you this fellowship.
4. A description of your project (no more than 6 double spaced pages). Please discuss why you feel your project is important to the community you propose to serve. Please tell us about any other organization that may be doing the type of work you propose, or alternatively, discuss the gap in service that currently exists in your proposed area. Please include the geographic location of your project and why you chose it. Finally, please discuss in detail your goals for the year.
5. A description of your sponsoring organization that details its mission and work and how it can help you fulfill the goals of your project.

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<sup>1</sup> A public interest organization is defined as: any nonprofit organization or institution whose primary purpose is to serve or advocate on behalf of individuals or organizations whose interests, for various economic, political or social reasons, are not adequately represented by the private sector or the government. Preference will be given to applicants who propose cross-disciplinary approaches to social justice issues.

6. One letter of support from your sponsoring organization, and two letters of recommendation from professors or past employers who can speak to your work in public interest

The Advisory Board Fellowship Selection Committee will review all applications and select applicants they wish to interview. Interviews will be scheduled in March and a Fellow will be selected by April 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Arlene Rivera Finkelstein, Assistant Dean and Executive Director of Toll Public Interest Center, at: (215) 898-0459 or [marfinkel@law.upenn.edu](mailto:marfinkel@law.upenn.edu).