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Philadelphia Fellowship

Penn Law is committed to supporting its students who seek public interest careers. To that end, the Philadelphia Fellowship will be awarded to a recent graduate of Penn Law for a one-year term beginning in August, in order to help the Philadelphia Fellow launch a public interest career in Philadelphia. The fellowship carries a stipend of \$42,500 plus benefits. Recipients are also eligible for the [Penn Law Toll Loan Repayment Assistance Program](#). Applications are due May 29, 2009, and a fellow will be selected in June by a committee of Toll Public Interest Center Advisory Board members.

The Philadelphia Fellowship is designed to operate as a bridge between the Toll Public Interest Center and Philadelphia's vibrant public interest community. The fellow's time will be split between serving clients at a local public interest organization and working with Penn Law students at the Toll Public Interest Center (TPIC). Fellows will work half time at a local public interest organization¹ of their choosing (fellows must apply separately to the organization). Both the fellow and the organization must be located in Philadelphia. The fellow's time at TPIC will focus on strengthening the pro bono program at Penn Law. The fellow will counsel students regarding pro bono opportunities, help to prepare students for their pro bono work, and cultivate new opportunities for students in Philadelphia. Through his or her dual responsibilities, the fellow will be well-positioned to act as a liaison between TPIC and the Philadelphia public interest community.

Application Procedure

Applications must be received electronically (PDF preferred) no later than **Friday May 29, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.** Email the application to arfinkel@law.upenn.edu. Late applications will not be considered.

Complete applications will include the following:

1. A one-page summary of the application
 - Name of the applicant
 - Applicant's address, phone number, and email
 - Name of proposed partnering organization and supervising attorney
2. A current résumé.

¹ 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. The fellow's work with the organization must also be "law-related" insofar as it substantially utilizes the legal training and skills of the graduate and must principally and directly benefit Philadelphia residents.

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 you believe you should receive this fellowship.
4. A description of your partnering organization that details its mission and work, a description of the work you would perform for that organization, and a proposed part-time work schedule.
5. 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.

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 arfinkel@law.upenn.edu.