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### **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 new Penn Law Public Interest Fellowship, which will fund its first Fellow in the Fall of 2010. This Fellowship will offer 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 fellowship awarded for a one-year term beginning in August. 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> 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](#). Applications are due January 29, 2010 and a fellow will be selected in March by a committee of Toll Public Interest Center Advisory Board members.

### **Application Procedure**

Applications must be received electronically (PDF preferred) no later than **Friday January 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** Email the application to [arfinkel@law.upenn.edu](mailto: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.
  - Sponsoring organization
  - Project title and/or brief summary of proposed project
  - Overall objectives of the 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

2. A current résumé
3. A personal statement (no more than 2 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 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.
1. 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](mailto:arfinkel@law.upenn.edu).