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## Roger Li L'21, a 2019 CTIC Public Interest Fellow, on his experience at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)



*I spent this summer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), a nonprofit in San Francisco that focuses on advocacy and impact litigation at the intersection of civil liberties and technology. Because EFF handles such a large portfolio of issues, I was able to touch topics as diverse as the government surveillance, satellite licensing regulations, and student speech on social media.*

*After taking a class on privacy last semester with Professor Yoo, I knew that I wanted to work in the tech space, particularly thinking about the legal implications of emerging technologies. EFF's work directly addresses these questions, by defending civil liberties in a world made increasingly complicated by technological innovation.*

*Throughout the course of the summer, I got to interact with many of EFF's attorneys, sitting in on strategy meetings, answering research questions, writing a public comment to the Department of Commerce, and drafting a section of an amicus brief. Most of the documents I produced went through extensive attorney editing, and through those edits I learned how to be a more effective legal writer. I was also able to see how EFF's attorneys approached important policy questions through litigation and what goes into the lifecycle of a case. Now, I have a much better sense of what legal advocacy and specifically tech law look like in practice.*

*Next summer, I will be going to a firm that specializes in working with technology clients, and I am sure I will be able to use what I learned this past summer. I am grateful to CTIC for giving me the opportunity to work with EFF, and I will definitely carry on the lessons learned this summer for my future legal career.*

**CTIC's Summer Public Interest Fellowships fund internships with public interest or government organizations doing work relevant to CTIC's focus on technology policy, intellectual property, cyber law and privacy. These Fellowships are open to Penn Law 1Ls and 2Ls and give students the opportunity to gain experience in technology law that might not otherwise be available to them. A Call for Applications for next summer will take place in early 2020.**