



Class of 2020 JD Distinguished Fellowship Program **Application Deadline: **Friday, May 22, 2020 at 11:59 EST****

Program Overview

American University Washington College of Law (“AUWCL”) is proud to sponsor the Class of 2020 JD Distinguished Fellowship Program (“JDDF Program”). The JDDF Program provides funding for selected graduates (“Fellows”) performing substantive legal or law-related work at external (non-University or AUWCL) organizations (“JDDF Sponsor”). The JDDF Program provides an opportunity for each Fellow to continue her or his legal training while concurrently seeking long-term employment.

The JDDF Program is structured to accommodate a 26-week fellowship term between August 3, 2020 – January 31, 2021 (at the latest).

The JDDF Program Selection Committee will notify awardees in June.

Eligible applicants must:

- Expect to graduate or have graduated from AUWCL’s Juris Doctor program with the Class of 2020 (includes graduates in December 2019, May 2020, or August 2020); and
- Submit the required application documents as outlined in the JD Distinguished Fellowship Application on Careerlink [[link](#)] **by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, May 22, 2020.**

Eligible JDDF Sponsors must:

- Be a non-profit organization;
- Accept the JDDF Program’s direct funding payment structure;
- Commit to ensuring the fellow primarily engages in substantive legal or law-related work, such as substantive legal research, policy analysis, or client interviewing.

Fellows are chosen through an anonymous, selective process. The JDDF Program Selection Committee will consider the following factors in rendering its decisions:

- An applicant’s demonstrated interest in the fellowship placement and the substantive legal or law-related work expected to be performed;
- How the experience will further the applicant’s career development and make the applicant a more competitive candidate in the legal marketplace;
- Whether the applicant has taken advantage of resources at AUWCL and in the greater legal community to prepare him/her to perform well as a Fellow; and
- The applicant’s prior work experience, including externships and summer positions.

For questions or additional information, please contact jddfellowship@wcl.american.edu.