



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

Fellowship Sponsor Commitment Form

*Please complete, sign, and return this form to the applicant so that it can be included in her or his application packet. Completed applications are due by **Friday, May 22, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST.***

Applicant's AU ID Number:

Fellowship Sponsor:

Supervisor's Name:

Supervisor's Title:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

The above-referenced applicant is applying to American University Washington College of Law's ("AUWCL's") JD Distinguished Fellowship ("JDDF") Program. As part of the application, each applicant must submit a commitment from the organization for which s/he will work if awarded a fellowship ("JDDF Sponsor"). Recipients of the JDDF ("Fellows") are chosen through a competitive application and selection process. **There is no guarantee that the fellowship will be awarded to the applicant.** Notice of award or denial will be delivered by the applicant to your organization.

By completing this form, your organization understands and agrees to the following:

- If the Fellow receives funding, AUWCL will send a fellowship funding contract to your organization to remit \$13,000.00 in fellowship funds to be used by your organization to employ the Fellow in two advance payments of \$6,500.00 by August 1 and November 1, 2020;
- Fellowship funds can only be used to support the Fellow's compensation, applicable fringe benefits, and direct payroll costs;
- Your organization is permitted (and encouraged) to compensate Fellows with additional funds;
- Your organization must return any unused funds in excess of \$100.00 to AUWCL should a Fellow cease work for the JDDF Sponsor before the fellowship end date;
- Fellowship funds can be used through January 31, 2021, after which unused funds in excess of \$100.00 must be returned to AUWCL; and

- The Fellow must be primarily engaged in substantive legal or law-related work, such as substantive legal research, policy analysis, memo drafting, client interviewing, and court appearances.

Description of Applicant's Responsibilities: To assist the JDDF Selection Committee, please provide a brief description of the type of work the Fellow will perform with your organization (please attached additional pages as needed). Please be sure to describe how the supervisor's interaction with the Fellow will aide in the Fellow's professional development. **Please do not include any identifying information to describe the applicant because the application review process is anonymous.** If applicable, please include information about any additional funding your organization plans to contribute towards compensating the Fellow.

AU ID Number: _____

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I confirm that the applicant has received a commitment from our organization and I understand there is no guarantee that the fellowship will be awarded to the applicant.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

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