



Getting Your First Job in Gender & Law

A Guide to Fellowships

**2019-2020
2020 - 2021**

Project-based Fellowships

DESCRIPTION: Project-based fellowships help fund projects that serve unmet legal needs. Typically, applicants must propose projects on their own, sometimes in conjunction with an existing organization. In some cases, candidates may apply for support to start a new organization.

Equal Justice Works Fellowships

Fellows design unique projects that serve and address a range of public interest legal issues, including domestic violence, homelessness, immigration, civil rights, and environmental justice. Fellows create their own projects at public interest organizations.

- DEADLINE: September 17, 2020
- <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships>

Echoing Green, Fellowship for Emerging Race & Gender Equality Leaders

Offers two-year fellowships to social innovators. The Echoing Green Fellowship program supports social entrepreneurs with the tools and resources to start new autonomous public service projects or organizations.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <https://echoinggreen.org/fellowship/>

Skadden Fellowships

Offers two-year fellowships to law school graduates and outgoing judicial law clerks who want to work in public interest. Grants are made to sponsoring organizations which provide legal services to the poor, including the homeless, the elderly, the disabled or those deprived of their civil or human rights.

- DEADLINE: September 14, 2020
- <https://www.skaddenfellowships.org/application>

Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowships

Offers fellowships to individuals dedicated to criminal justice reform. Projects include litigation, public education, coalition-building, grassroots mobilization, and policy-driven research.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/soros-justice-fellowships>

Organizational Fellowships

DESCRIPTION: Organizational fellowships are defined positions within existing organization, usually for a period of one to two years. Applicants do not need to develop their own project. Students or graduates apply to these fellowships in a similar manner as applying for a typical job.

Women's Rights

Georgetown University's Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program (Washington, DC)

Awarded to law school graduates and practicing attorneys who have a strong interest in women's rights are invited to apply. Fellows will work for one year in Washington, D.C., with private and public organizations and agencies on legal and policy issues affecting the status of women.

- DEADLINE: November 2020
- <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/centers-institutes/wlppfp/us/index.cfm>

SUNY Fellowship on Women and Public Policy (New York)

Offers policy-related placements in New York State agencies, the Legislature and statewide nonprofit advocacy organizations.

- DEADLINE: September 30, 2020
- <http://www.albany.edu/womeningov/programs/fwpp.shtml>

Women's Congressional Policy Institute – Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy (Washington, DC)

Awards fellowships to graduate students with a proven commitment to equity for women. Fellows gain practical policymaking experience and graduate credit by working from January to August as Congressional legislative aides in Washington, D.C.

- Application Materials will be posted Spring 2021
- <http://www.womenspolicy.org/our-work/congressional-fellows/>

Reproductive Rights & Health

If/When/How Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program

The Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program (RJFP) is a policy-focused fellowship designed to create entry points into the reproductive health, rights, and justice fields, and to enhance legal and advocacy capacity at organizations working to advance reproductive justice for all people.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <http://www.ifwhenhow.org/about/fellowship-program/>

LGBTI Rights

National Center for Transgender Equality- Law Fellow (Washington, DC)

The National Center for Transgender Equality is a national social justice organization devoted to ending discrimination and violence against transgender people through education and advocacy.

- Rolling Deadline
- <http://www.transequality.org>

Tom Steel Post-Graduate Fellowship (Pridelaw)

The Tom Steel Post-Graduate Fellowship provides funding for a new lawyer to work in the United States on an innovative, public interest law project that serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <http://www.pridelawfund.org/fellowships/tom-steel/>

Civil Rights

Equal Rights Advocates' Ruth Chance Law Fellowship (Washington, DC)

Equal Rights Advocates seeks a fellow to serve as an entry-level staff attorney in the ERA's legal services team.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <http://www.equalrights.org/post-graduate-legal-fellowships-now-accepting-initial-application/>

George N. Lindsay Civil Rights Legal Fellowship (Washington, DC)

Provides an opportunity for recent law school graduates to become familiar with civil rights practice by working with many of the nation's leading civil rights experts at the national office of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in D.C.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <https://lawyerscommittee.org/george-n-lindsay-fellowship/>

International

Amnesty International *the Ginetta Sagan Fund*

Amnesty International's Ginetta Sagan Fund seeks to recognize individual accomplishments in the field of human rights by women and for women.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <https://www.amnestyusa.org/about-us/grants-and-awards/ginetta-sagan-fund/>

Center for Reproductive Rights- International Legal Fellow for Asia (New York)

The International Legal Fellow for Asia will be responsible for legal and policy analysis of a variety of reproductive rights issues. Seventy percent of the Fellow's work will focus on the Asia region and the remaining thirty percent will be focused on other regional and global work for the International Legal Program. Responsibilities also include public speaking and supervision of junior staff and interns. Extensive international travel required.

- Rolling deadline.
- <https://www.reproductiverights.org/jobs/externally-funded-fellow-for-asia>

Sponsor Organizations

DESCRIPTION: The following organizations are looking to sponsor applications for project-based fellowships.

Legal Momentum Fellowship – Gender Justice Fellowship Program (New York)

Legal Momentum seeks law students, law clerks, other eligible recent law school graduates to sponsor for projects addressing the legal needs of women.

- DEADLINE: TBD
- <https://www.legalmomentum.org/about-us/career-internship-opportunities>

National Women’s Law Center Legal Fellowship (Washington, DC)

The Center recruits recent law school graduates interested in applying for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, or other law fellowships, to discuss their interest in basing a fellowship project at the Center. The fellow will support the Center’s work in one or more of the following program areas: Health and Reproductive Rights, Family Economic Security, or Education and Employment.

- <https://nwlc.org/job/legal-fellowship-opportunities-for-2018/>

National Partnership for Women and Families – Reproductive Health Rights/Workplace (Washington, DC)

The National Partnership seeks a highly motivated, creative and detail-oriented third-year law student, judicial clerk, or other recent law school graduate interested in applying for legal fellowships such as Equal Justice Works, Skadden or others. The legal fellow will support the National Partnership’s reproductive health and workplace programs.

- <https://www.nationalpartnership.org/>

Center for Reproductive Rights- Externally Funded Fellowships (New York)

Fellows will work towards the achievement of enforceable reproductive rights and accessible quality reproductive health care for women around the world. Fellows will also conduct general legal and policy research on international law, human rights law, foreign and comparative law and U.S. laws that impact women's reproductive rights. Fellows also engage in public speaking and draft reports, educational materials and briefs. International travel may be required.

- Rolling Deadline
- <https://www.reproductiverights.org/jobs/externally-funded-fellowships>

American Civil Liberties Union – Women’s Rights Project (New York)

WRP is particularly interested in sponsoring a candidate to work on a project focusing on housing barriers disproportionately experienced by women of color. The fellow will conduct advocacy and litigation to ensure that women of color are not shut out of housing opportunities due to, for example, unfair eviction screening policies, sexual harassment by housing managers, and local laws penalizing calls for emergency assistance.

- Rolling Deadline
- <https://www.aclu.org/careers/apply/?job=4285715002&type=fulltime>

Have questions about finding and applying to fellowships? Contact the Women and the Law Program at womenlaw@wcl.american.edu, the Office of Career and Professional Development at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu, and the Office of Public Interest at publicinterest@wcl.american.edu and make an appointment!