

The Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowship 2021

Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) and the **Center for Chinese Legal Studies** are pleased to announce the **Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships**. The fellowships will support one to two recent Columbia Law School graduates to pursue public interest legal work in the United States for three to six months.

The fellowships will be awarded to graduating LL.M. or J.D. students from China. Fellows will receive between (3) three and (6) six months of funding at approximately \$3,333 per month. One or two fellowships will be awarded this year. It is anticipated that fellowships will begin by August or September 2021. Recipients of the fellowships will be responsible for locating their positions, but will be assisted by the staff at Social Justice Initiatives throughout the spring semester. Fellows will be expected to work full time at public interest law organizations during the entire term of their fellowship. Please note that this is not a research fellowship.

The deadline to apply is April 5, 2021. Please apply on Symplicity (search for "Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships 2021"). You will be required to upload the following documents.

- Your resume;
- Your unofficial transcript;
- The name of a Columbia faculty member willing to serve as a reference for you (an actual letter of recommendation is not required); and
- A one- to two-page statement detailing the reasons for your interest in the fellowship, including the area of law in which you hope to work and the desired duration of the fellowship (three months minimum-six months maximum). This may be uploaded as your "additional documents."

It is anticipated that fellowship recipient(s) will be chosen in April 2021, allowing the remainder of the spring semester to find a public interest work placement. *Note: While fellows may begin their fellowship immediately after graduation if they choose, the Law School will not begin to issue stipend payments until August 1. If you hope to begin your fellowships before August 1, we invite you to contact Rebecca Hinde, SJI Coordinator for SJI Postgraduate Fellowships, at rebecca.hinde@law.columbia.edu for more information.*

Please direct your fellowship inquiries to one of the following:

- For questions about substantive issues such as fellowship criteria or the appropriateness of a reference: Assistant Director of Human Rights and Public International Law Cassandre Théano (cassandre.theano@law.columbia.edu) or Assistant Director of Asian Law Programs Nick Pozek (npozek@law.columbia.edu).
- For administrative questions about submitting your materials: Assistant Director of Asian Law Programs Nick Pozek (npozek@law.columbia.edu).