The Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships 2019

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 2019. 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 5 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2019. Please email the following documents as one PDF to rebecca.hinde@law.columbia.edu, using the subject line "Haas Fellowship Application," followed by your last name and first name. Organize the documents in the order they are listed below.*

1. Your resume
2. The name of a Columbia faculty member willing to serve as a reference for you (the actual letter of recommendation is not required); and
3. 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 (3 months minimum - 6 months maximum).

*The selection committee will also review each applicant’s CLS transcript. Do not email your transcript with your application. SJI will add it to your materials upon receipt.

It is anticipated that Fellowship recipient(s) will be chosen in March 2019, allowing the spring semester to find a public interest work placement.

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: Nyaguthii Chege (nchege@law.columbia.edu) or Paulette Roberts (prober@law.columbia.edu).
- For administrative questions about submitting your materials: Rebecca Hinde (rebecca.hinde@law.columbia.edu).