

## 2018-2019 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW

The Public Interest Fellows Program provides recognition of and programmatic support to third-year Stanford Law School students who are committed to pursuing careers in public service<sup>1</sup> immediately upon graduation or following a judicial clerkship. Students who intend to return to public service after an initial period in the private sector should register for our Public Interest Associates program.

The Fellows Program exists to create a community of support for the cohort of students seeking post-graduate public interest jobs during their third-year or post-clerkship and assist them in that endeavor. Levin Center staff will provide ongoing tailored career development support to the Fellows, including trainings, panels, and workshops to prepare students for public interest legal careers; and opportunities for intensive mentorship and guidance from staff, alumni and other leading practitioners. The Fellows also serve in leadership roles within the public interest community at Stanford Law School.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

All rising third-year law students who meet the following criteria can become Public Interest Fellows for the 2018-2019 Academic Year:

- Spent at least eight weeks during one summer working full-time in public interest law;
- Held a leadership role in the public interest community by 1) serving as a 2L Public Interest Mentor in the Levin Center's mentoring program; 2) leading one of the social justice reading groups; or 3) coordinating one of the Levin Center's pro bono projects, including Alternative Spring Breaks;
- Engages in at least 25 hours of pro bono service by Spring quarter of 2L year;
- Intends to start their career in public service immediately upon graduation or following a judicial clerkship; and
- Willingly accepts the responsibilities set forth below.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

Those selected as Public Interest Fellows will work with the Levin Center in developing its various initiatives. The obligations of Public Interest Fellows include the following:

- Attend at least two of the three major Levin Center events (the Fall welcome reception, Fall Awards Dinner, and end of year Spring reception) AND organize at least one additional Levin Center event (e.g., organize an event for 1Ls considering skipping OCI);
- Serve as a mentor in the first-year mentoring program, which requires coordinating group meetings and meeting with your mentees at least twice each quarter;
- Participate in quarterly meetings with Levin Center staff during the academic year;
- Assist Admissions in recruiting prospective students interested in public interest by being available via email to prospective students (especially admitted students during Winter and Spring);
- Serve on one committee (options to be determined based on student interest); and
- Immediately inform Levin Center staff and withdraw from the Program if your plans change and you accept an offer from a law firm or other non-public interest employer.

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<sup>1</sup> This definition includes work for non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, private public interest law firms, and law school clinical programs.