

Stanford Law School

Stanford Center
for Racial Justice

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Harry Bremond-Wilson Sonsini Foundation Student Fellowship | 2024-25 Application

Description

The Stanford Center for Racial Justice invites applications for our inaugural year of the Harry Bremond-Wilson Sonsini Foundation Student Fellowship, open to Stanford 2L and 3L students. The fellowship offers students a unique dual learning experience that immerses them in racial justice work through a wide range of impactful opportunities. Students will spend time advancing innovative projects and initiatives at the Center—developing a deeper understanding of racial justice issues and honing their legal and policy research, writing, analytical, and advocacy skills. Their Center work will be complemented with opportunities to explore pro bono practice at Wilson Sonsini, through mentorship, a speaker series, and educational engagement with live cases. Students will also have opportunities to generate ideas for, support, and attend events, including conferences, workshops, and/or other professional gatherings.

The fellowship is supported by a generous gift from the Wilson Sonsini Foundation and honors Mr. Harry Bremond, who joined Wilson Sonsini in 1967 when there were just a handful of attorneys and a single office (there are now over 1100 attorneys and 19 offices). One of the very first Black lawyers between San Francisco and San Jose, Harry Bremond witnessed and shaped the growth of Silicon Valley. He represented companies that would transform technology, American society and the world. He mentored generations of lawyers who themselves would shape the Valley. And through it all he remained a steadfast advocate for racial justice. A leader and founder of Wilson Sonsini's pro bono program and the pro bono movement within law firms, Bremond has been recognized for his racial equity work by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, the Equal Justice Society, and the Charles Houston Bar Association. This remarkable lawyer has been described, appropriately, as a Black Legend of Silicon Valley. In the spirit of Harry's commitment to advancing the social good, this fellowship has been established to provide students with opportunities to further

explore the complexities of race and justice in America while also getting exposure to the many pathways an attorney can advance racial justice in the legal profession, whether by practicing at a private law firm, nonprofit legal organization, or government agency.

The ideal candidate demonstrates a passion for addressing racial inequality, supported by a distinguished academic and professional background. This student possesses a deep intellectual curiosity, is highly motivated, collaborative, and brings a keen analytical mind to complex racial justice issues, recognizing nuances that challenge conventional thinking around solutions to racial bias and discrimination. Strong candidates will have exemplary legal and policy research, writing, and analytical skills. Adaptable and innovative, they are eager to engage in thought leadership, contribute to impactful projects, and deepen their understanding of how law and policy intersect with societal injustices in the U.S. Their ability to navigate both academic and professional environments will ensure they maximize the fellowship's unique dual focus.

About the Stanford Center for Racial Justice

SCRJ works to counter racial division and political polarization through rigorous research and thought-provoking conversations that analyze the racial dimensions of some of the most contentious and consequential issues in American society. By doing so without fealty to any particular ideological perspective, we undermine ignorance and certainty alike, promoting a sense of inquiry and curiosity and an appreciation for a diverse range of perspectives. Our distinct model for advancing racial justice includes:

- Functioning as a research, writing, and dissemination machine for world changing ideas.
- Developing analyses and curating conversations that dissect some of the most consequential controversies in American society.
- Striving to offer the best and most reliable source of insight for people who want to understand the racial dimensions of the issues that most divide our nation, and especially as those issues intersect with the dynamics of economic inequality.

About Wilson Sonsini

For more than 60 years, Wilson Sonsini's services and legal disciplines have focused on serving the principal challenges faced by the management and boards of directors of business enterprises. The firm is nationally recognized as a leading provider to growing and established clients seeking legal counsel to complete sophisticated corporate and technology transactions; manage governance and enterprise-scale matters; assist with intellectual property development, protection, and IP-driven transactions; represent them in contested disputes; and/or advise them on antitrust or other regulatory matters. Wilson Sonsini also has a premier Community Impact program, focused on access to justice and serving the underrepresented via pro bono, community service work, and financial support to nonprofit organizations through the Wilson Sonsini

Foundation. Established in 1990, the Wilson Sonsini Foundation provides a vehicle for the firm's partners to make financial contributions to the community. For more information, please visit www.wsgr.com.

Fellowship Details

Winter/Spring 2025

Two fellowships will be offered in our inaugural year. Fellows must commit to Winter and Spring Quarters in 2025. This two-quarter commitment ensures students are fully immersed in programming and able to take full advantage of the fellowship's various opportunities.

Pay and Hours

Fellows are compensated at \$21 per hour and will receive \$1512 in tuition allowance with a minimum of 96 hours of work per quarter. Fellows are expected to work approximately 10 hours per week—with flexibility based on project needs—and may exceed the 96-hour requirement, but the tuition allowance will not exceed \$1512.

Location

Some if not most work will be done in-person at Stanford Law School, while a portion may be done remotely. Opportunities to work in the Palo Alto, CA Wilson Sonsini office may also be organized. Final arrangements will be based on staff and student availability.

Application Timeline

Applications are **due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, December 15, 2024**. Interviews will take place the week of December 16 and fellows begin at the start of Winter Quarter on January 6, 2025.

How to Apply

We welcome applications from all Stanford Law School 2Ls and 3Ls. Applications must include:

1. **Cover Letter** that provides a brief statement about why you want to participate in the fellowship and indicates any relevant experiences or skills you would bring to the work.
2. **Resume**
3. **Writing Sample** that demonstrates your research, writing, and analytical skills.
4. **Law School Transcript**
5. **Two References**, including at least one SLS faculty member.

Please submit your application materials in PDF format using this [Google Form](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Hoang Pham, Director of Education and Opportunity, at hgpham@law.stanford.edu.