



McGeorge Graduate Fellowship Program Class of 2017 Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to receive a Fellowship?

Members of the JD Class of 2017 (graduating December 2016 through May 2017) have the opportunity to receive a one-time Fellowship Award of up to \$3,500 (*exact amount to be determined*) for three months of volunteer work (20 hours/week minimum) with a qualifying organization.

What types of organizations qualify as eligible Fellowship hosts?

Qualifying organizations are: (1) nonprofits that maintain a 501(c)(3) or 501 (c)(4) status, (2) local, state, or federal government agencies, or (3) small private law or lobbying firms with a supervising attorney licensed by the State Bar of California or another state, *unless otherwise agreed upon*.

What types of volunteer activities qualify for a Fellowship?

Fellowships are awarded for legal work or, in limited circumstances, for related activities such as lobbying and policy work. Graduates must be supervised by a licensed attorney (there may be exceptions for approved policy or lobbying organizations).

How do members of the JD Class of 2016 apply?

May 1, 2017: Application acceptance start-date for December 2016 graduates.

May 29, 2017: Deadline for December 2016 graduates.

August 7, 2017: Application acceptance start-date for May 2017 graduates.

September 4, 2017: Deadline for May 2017 graduates.

After a qualifying organization makes an offer for a volunteer law clerk position, applicants should prepare (1) a resume, (2) a McGeorge Graduate Fellowship Application, (3) a Host Verification of Volunteer Status, and (4) a statement of interest including explanation of the connection between the employer and your long-term goals. All four documents must be faxed or e-mailed to the Director of Career Development, Molly Stafford at (916) 739-7260 or mstafford@pacific.edu.

What happens if a volunteer law clerk receives an offer of permanent employment and wants to leave the Fellowship Program during the three-month Fellowship period?

If a volunteer law clerk wants to leave the Fellowship program before completion of the three-month eligibility period, he or she must call or e-mail Molly Stafford as soon as possible to update their status. Funds will be dispersed at the beginning of each month of program, and confirmation of continued volunteer activity will be requested from host firm/organization.

Whom do I contact for further information?

For questions about finding a host organization or firm, whether an organization qualifies for the Fellowship program, and submitting your Fellowship application materials, please contact Molly Stafford, Director, Career Development Office, at mstafford@pacific.edu or at 916-739-7299.