

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
COLLEGE OF LAW**

**2008  
SUMMER PUBLIC  
INTEREST FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Do I submit an application even if my placement site is not confirmed as of the application due date?
- A. *Yes. Please submit your application and keep the Public Service Coordinator posted regarding the status.*
- Q. If I previously received a grant from the Summer Public Interest Fellowship Fund, am I eligible to apply again?
- A. *Yes, however, first priority will be given to those applicants who have not previously received a Summer Public Interest Fellowship Award or other College of Law funds dedicated to public interest/service.*
- Q. If Summer College Work-Study ("CWS") funds are obtained, is there any way I can avoid the reduction of my fall loan eligibility?
- A. *Yes. If you register for a 1 credit hour public interest internship class your fall loan eligibility will not be affected.*
- Q. If I apply for a Summer Public Interest Fellowship do I have to also apply for CWS?
- A. *No, but it is advised to the extent that you are eligible because it will maximize the amount of money you will receive. CWS applications and requirements can be obtained from Dean Watson in the College of Law Admissions Office.*
- Q. What kind of description do you need in my proposal?
- A. *A general description of the work to be performed will suffice. You should attach marketing materials, website information or any other information regarding the purpose of the organization, target audience, mission and programs as well.*

Q. Is there a page requirement for my proposal?

A. *No. A typical proposal is 1-2 typed pages in length.*

Q. What kinds of things can I include in my budget proposal?

A. *Typically students include the cost of transportation, housing and food, but this list is not exhaustive. It's a good idea to have a comprehensive budget for your own purposes.*

Q. What are my obligations if I receive SPIF funding?

A. *Students who obtain SPIF funding are required to volunteer for PILG sponsored fundraising events, including Spirit of the Law and PPS (Partnership for Public Service). All students are required to sign a fellowship agreement which details all responsibilities of Fellows.*

Q. Will it negatively affect my application if I seek funding from other sources?

A. *No. You are encouraged to seek other funding during the summer.*

Q. Where can I search for public interest summer opportunities?

A. *See the CPD for additional resources.*

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2008 Summer Public Interest Fellowship Application

Funding Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 1L 2L Flex (circle one)  
Last First

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Urban Morgan or Weaver Fellow: yes no (circle which one)

Previously applied for this fellowship: yes no When: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) (if applicable)

Sponsoring Organization/Employer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Position Telephone Number

Have you received an offer of employment from this organization: yes no  
(circle one)

If not, when is an offer expected? \_\_\_\_\_

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No. of hours you will be working (per week) \_\_\_\_\_ Total No. of Weeks \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Related Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you applying for Summer College Work-Study: yes no (circle one)

Are you seeking funds from additional sources: yes or no (circle one)  
(Funds can include, but are not limited too, summer grants, private, academic and government loans, as well as scholarships).

If "yes," please identify all additional source(s) and amounts \_\_\_\_\_  
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Will you be enrolled as a student during the summer: yes or no (circle one)

If "yes," name of institution:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institution	City	State
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List courses you will take: \_\_\_\_\_  
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To apply, complete this two-page application and attach a copy of your resume and SPIF proposal (*Please do not include the informational and FAQ portions of this packet with your final application*). Your written proposal must include:

1. A description of your interest in public service and public interest law;
2. Your summer placement and the project on which you will be working;
3. The impact of the project or organization on the target population; and,
4. A detailed personal budget for the summer.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Center for Professional Development within the deadline prescribed below. Contact Sean L. Rhiney, CPD Public Service Coordinator and Counselor (Room 201M), for more information and assistance with your placement or application.

**Applications due by 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2008.**