

George N. Lindsay Fellowship

2020-2021 George N. Lindsay Fellowship

About the Fellowship

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the nation's foremost civil rights legal organizations, annually sponsors the one-year George N. Lindsay Civil Rights Fellowship. The Lindsay Fellowship provides an opportunity for recent law school graduates to become familiar with civil rights practice by working with many of the nation's leading civil rights experts at the national office of the Lawyers' Committee in Washington, D.C. Our fellows become involved with substantive legal activities, which involve co-counseled litigation with prominent law firms and non-litigation activities such as transactional legal services, legislative and public policy advocacy, and public education on important civil rights matters.

The one year Fellowship pays a stipend of \$57,500, supplemented by a loan forgiveness payment of \$2,000. The yearly stipend is also supplemented by payment of bar review and fees. Fellows have the opportunity to gain legal experience in one or more of the following areas: Voting Rights, Employment Discrimination, Criminal Justice, Education, Stop Hate, Public Policy, Special Litigation and Advocacy, or Fair Housing and Community Development.

Qualifications

- A strong and demonstrated commitment to civil rights and racial justice;
- Prior experience working with or ties to low-income communities of color;
- Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills as demonstrated through writing samples, internship and clinical experience, and academic record;
- Ability to work cooperatively on a variety of projects with all Lawyers' Committee staff and to develop and maintain positive relationships with diverse clients and community organizations;
- Effective written and oral communication skills in both legal and non-legal settings;
- At most, two years of practice by the time the fellowship starts (clerkships excluded). **Current law students who expect to graduate in the spring of 2020 are encouraged to apply.**

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have been admitted to the bar or are scheduled to take a bar examination by the summer of 2020;
- Can demonstrate involvement in scholarship, activities, or employment which promote racial, national origin, gender, or economic justice for the most excluded people in our society.
- The Lawyers' Committee is an equal opportunity employer with a standing policy of nondiscrimination. Diversity is an essential component of the Lawyers' Committee, and we encourage women and minorities to apply. All qualified persons are accorded an equal opportunity for selection without regard to actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibility, personal appearance, genetic information, matriculation, or political affiliation.

How to Apply for the Lindsay Fellowship

Please submit PDF versions of (1) a resume, (2) a cover letter describing the applicant's interest in the fellowship, and (3) an official or unofficial law school transcript. Initial applications for the 2020-2021 Lindsay Fellowship must be received by **June 7, 2019**. Please apply using our online application system [here](#).

Following an initial review of applications, the Fellowship Committee will select semi-finalists. At that point, semi-finalists will be required to submit additional application materials including (1) three letters of reference, (2) a statement of career aspirations, and (3) a short project proposal. We will invite you to submit these additional materials if you are selected as a semi-finalist.

Due to the volume of applications received the Fellowship Selection Committee will not be able to inform every applicant regarding the status of his or her application. We thank you for your understanding in advance.

If you have any questions about applying for the Lindsay Fellowship, please contact Brendan Downes of the Fellowship Selection Committee, at bdownes@lawyerscommittee.org.