

**Whitehurst Public Interest Summer Fellowships
William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law
Spring 2012**

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 2

In the summer of 2012, the Whitehurst Public Interest Summer Fellowships Program will provide funding for students between their second and third years of law school. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue careers in public interest law. The program addresses these students' particular need to work in public interest positions during the summer before their third year of school in order to be viable candidates for public interest fellowships and jobs following graduation.

The program will provide stipends for up to six students for public interest work with qualified sponsoring organizations. A sponsoring organization must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit providing legal services and/or advocacy to underrepresented individuals or communities. Government agencies, labor unions, and legislative offices do not qualify as a sponsoring organization.

The summer 2012 stipend will be \$4,250 for at least 10 weeks (and a minimum of 400 hours) of work. Given the shortage of resources, students who will split the summer between working for a sponsoring organization and working elsewhere for substantial compensation are discouraged from applying.

These fellowships are supported by a generous five-year gift from Stephanie Whitehurst and Bill Whitehurst, '70. Each summer, the Whitehursts will name the fellowships for lawyers they admire in hopes that the recipients will be inspired by the honorees' work in the public interest. In the program's inaugural summer, the Whitehursts named the fellowships in honor of lawyers Chip Brees, Michelle Cheng, Tom Harkness, Eden Harrington, Mack Kidd, and Scott Ozmun. For more information, see <http://www.utexas.edu/law/centers/publicinterest/whitehurst/index.html>

Application Information

The application deadline for these fellowships is 4 pm on Friday, March 2, 2012. Fellows will be announced by Friday, March 9.

Fellows will be selected based on their credentials, their commitment to public service, and the sponsoring organization. A student may not receive academic credit and a fellowship simultaneously, nor can a student receive a fellowship from both TLF and this program for the same position. (This limitation does not preclude a fellow from receiving a living expense stipend or a stipend or scholarship for educational expenses.) All fellows will be expected to sign a fellowship agreement and participate in a group photo session.

Apply by submitting the following BY HAND to Rachel Sidopulos, Administrator, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, in CCJ 1.324 (512-232-6277):

1. A cover sheet with
 - (a) your name, law-school year, and the name of the fellowship(s)¹ for which you are applying;
 - (b) your contact information;
 - (c) the name of the sponsoring organization;
 - (d) the name of your proposed supervisor;
 - (e) contact information for the organization;
 - (f) the length of time you intend to work for the sponsoring organization; and,
 - (g) your plans for the remaining weeks of the summer;
2. Two to three double-spaced pages describing the organization that you plan to work for and the work you will be doing, why you are interested in the position, your commitment to public service, and your long-term career plans;
3. Resume;
4. Law school transcript;
5. List of three references (including address and phone), preferably including one UT Law faculty member;
6. Letter from the sponsoring organization stating:
 - (a) the organization has a summer position for you;
 - (b) the name of the attorney who will supervise you if you work there;
 - (c) the type of legal work you will do as a summer clerk; and
 - (d) that they are unable to pay you or, if they are able to pay you, how much they will be able to pay you.

Questions should be directed to: Mary Crouter, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, CCJ 1.324, mcrouter@law.utexas.edu, 512-232-7855.

¹ 2Ls may submit one application for both this fellowship and the Baron & Budd Summer Public Interest Fellowships. For information about the Baron & Budd Fellowships, see www.utlawjusticecenter.org/baronandbudd/bbsummerfellow.html