2014 Summer Law Fellowships

For the summer of 2014, the Williams Institute will award two or more summer law fellowships, including the Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship, which provide law students, or recent law school graduates, with a $5,000 stipend to work in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Through the fellowship program, students gain experience and insight into the field and provide much-needed support to various organizations and scholars.

The Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship is committed to inspiring law students to pursue careers in sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. The Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship will support one fellow to work at the Williams Institute for at least ten weeks. The fellowship is made possible by a generous endowment gift to the Williams Institute by Mike Gleason and David Kettel.

Additionally, the Williams Institute will award one or more summer law fellowships to support fellows who spend at least ten weeks working with an eligible organization, scholar, or research center focused on sexual orientation or gender identity law and public policy.

Eligible Placements

Eligible placements include organizations, scholars, or research centers focused on sexual orientation or gender identity law and public policy. Examples of eligible placements include the summer internship programs of Lambda Legal, ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), the Transgender Law Center, and similar national and local organizations. Eligible placements also include summer research positions with law professors where the applicant will be spending the entire summer assisting with sexual orientation or gender identity law and policy scholarship.

Criteria for Selection

To apply for the fellowship, the applicant must be a current law student or recent law school graduate dedicated to a career in research, teaching, or advocacy focused on sexual orientation or gender identity law and policy issues. Selection criteria for the fellowship include a) academic record; b) demonstrated commitment to a career in research, teaching, or advocacy focused on sexual orientation or gender identity law and policy issues; c) the organization with which the applicant will be working; d) the work or projects that the applicant is proposing to complete during his or her fellowship; and e) the applicant’s potential as a future leader.
Preference will be given to applicants who have arranged a summer position with an organization before they apply for funding. The final award of funding will be contingent upon confirmation of placement with an eligible organization or research position.

Fellowship Award

The Fellowships will provide a stipend of $5,000 for the fellow to work full-time for ten weeks at an eligible placement (described above).

Application

To apply, please submit the application form below, a 1-2 page cover letter addressing the selection criteria listed above, a resume, and a law school transcript.

This year's application deadline is March 28, 2014.

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The Williams Institute is dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. A national think tank at UCLA Law, the Williams Institute produces high-quality research with real-world relevance and disseminates it to judges, legislators, policymakers, media and the public.

Experts at the Williams Institute have authored dozens of public policy studies and law review articles, filed amicus briefs in key court cases, provided expert testimony at legislative hearings, been widely cited in the national media, and trained thousands of lawyers, judges and members of the public. By providing new ideas and reliable information, the Williams Institute makes a difference.

Please visit http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/ for more information.
Application Form - 2014 Summer Law Fellowships

Please note that the fellowship application deadline is March 28, 2014.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ______________________________________ Phone (___) ______________________

Current Address ________________________________________________________________

City __________________ State ___________ Zip Code ________________

Permanent Address (if different from above) _________________________________________

City __________________ State ___________ Zip Code ________________

E-mail Address ___________________________ Projected

Name of Law School ___________________________ Graduation Date _____________

Undergraduate Institution ___________________________ Graduation Date _____________

II. Type of Summer Law Fellowship

I am applying for the Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship (placement at the Williams Institute) __Yes __ No

I am applying for a summer law fellowship with an eligible placement other than the Williams Institute __ Yes __No

(You may apply for both.)

III. SUMMER PLACEMENT

I am planning to work _____ weeks at _____ hours per week at/with:

(Name of Organization, Research Center, or Scholar) ________________________________
Supervisor or Contact Person ____________________________________________

Title ________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ Fax ________________________________

E-mail __________________________________________________________________________

IV. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE WORK YOU WILL PERFORM AT THIS OFFICE

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IV. REFERENCES (PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER ACADEMIC AND/OR WORK REFERENCES)

Name ________________________________________________________________

Affiliation ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ E-mail ________________________________

Name ________________________________________________________________

Affiliation ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Phone ____________________________ E-mail ________________________________
V. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS?

VI. STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING

If awarded a Fellowship for the Summer of 2014, I understand that:

1. I will not accept any other source of funding for my summer position. _____(initial)

2. I must inform the Williams Institute immediately if I am unable to complete my term of work for any reason. In such an event, I agree to return a pro rata portion of the award for time that I did not work. _____(initial)

3. I will submit a one-paragraph summary of the work I expect to do during the summer and a digital photo to the Williams Institute by May 28, 2014. Furthermore, I understand this summary and photo may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by the Williams Institute. _____(initial)

4. I will submit a one-page summary of my experience to the Williams Institute by August 29, 2014. Furthermore, I understand this summary may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by UCLA. _____(initial)

5. I understand that receipt of a Summer Public Service Fellowship does not make me an employee of the Williams Institute or of UCLA School of Law. I accept responsibility for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and other applicable assessments. _____(initial)

Name: ___________________________________________  [Please Print]
Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ____________________
Send application and supporting materials to:

Adelin Lo  
The Williams Institute  
UCLA School of Law  
Box 951476  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1476  

Application Checklist:

___ Application Form  
___ Cover Letter  
___ Resume  
___ Law School Transcript  

Any questions, please contact Adelin Lo at 310-267-4382 or at lo@law.ucla.edu.