

2025 Summer Law Fellowship Application

For the summer of 2025, the Williams Institute will hire 1 to 2 Summer Law Fellows. Law Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about and engage in research related to LGBTQ law and policy with Williams Institute scholars. The Fellowship is a mentorship and learning experience that will provide students with exposure to public policy, legal research, writing, and LGBTQ rights.

The Fellowship will be for a period of eight weeks between June 1 to August 31, 2025, of the student's choosing. Summer Law Fellows may work remotely or in person at the Williams Institute's office in Los Angeles, CA.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants must be current law students (1L, 2L, 3L, or LLM). The Selection Committee will consider the following when evaluating applications: a) academic record; b) research and writing abilities; and c) demonstrated commitment to public interest and social justice, especially focused on sexual orientation or gender identity law and policy issues.

Application

To apply, please submit a cover letter, a resume, a writing sample, a law school transcript, and the signed and initialed Statement of Understanding below to Will Tentindo at tentindo@law.ucla.edu. If you have questions about the fellowship, please email Will before submitting your application.

Funding

Summer Law Fellows will be paid a stipend of \$6,000 for eight weeks.

This year's application deadline is February 8, 2025, but applicants will be considered on a rolling basis, so early applications are recommended.

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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 School of 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. Please visit williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu for more information.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

If awarded a Fellowship for the Summer of 2025, I understand that:

1. 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 the time that I did not work. ____ (initial)
2. I will submit a digital photo of myself to the Williams Institute by **May 1, 2025**. I understand this photo may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by the Williams Institute. ____ (initial)
3. I will submit a one-page summary of my experience to the Williams Institute by **September 1, 2025**. I understand this summary may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by UCLA. ____ (initial)
4. I understand that receipt of a Summer Law Fellowship does not make me an employee of the Williams Institute or 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:** _____