

2026 Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship

For the summer of 2026, the Williams Institute plans to award the *Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship* to provide a law student, or recent law school graduate, with a stipend of up to \$6,000 to work in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy.

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 and to identifying the next generation of leaders committed to promoting rights and equity for LGBTQ communities. Through the fellowship, students gain experience and insight into the field and provide much-needed support to various organizations and scholars. Fellows must spend at least ten weeks at their placements.

Eligible Placements

Eligible placements include organizations, scholars, or research centers focused on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Examples of eligible placements include the summer internship programs of Lambda Legal; ACLU; National Center for LGBTQ Rights, LGBTQ Task Force, state equality organizations; the Williams Institute; and similar national, state, 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 and gender identity law and policy scholarship. Candidates are responsible for securing their own placement with an eligible organization before being awarded a Gleason/Kettel Summer Law Fellowship.

Criteria for Selection

To apply for the fellowship, applicants must be current law students or recent law school graduates dedicated to a career in research, teaching, or advocacy focused on sexual orientation and 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 anticipates 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. The final award of funding will be contingent upon confirmation of placement with an eligible organization or research position. The applicant is responsible for securing their own placement; the Williams Institute plays no role in the application or hiring process for placements at other organizations.

Fellowship Award

The Fellowships will provide a stipend of up to \$6,000 for the fellow to work full-time for ten weeks at an eligible placement (described above), but may take into consideration any other funding the student might receive through, for example, his or her school or the host organization.

Application

To apply, please submit the application form attached, a 1-2 page cover letter addressing the selection criteria listed above, a resume, and a law school transcript. **Deadline to apply is May 15, 2026.**

Please visit <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/summer-fellowships/> for more information.

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I. Personal information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Permanent address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Email: _____

Law school: _____ Projected graduation date: _____

Undergraduate institution: _____ Graduation date: _____

Law school honors and activities: _____

Undergraduate honors and activities: _____

Law school GPA: _____ Undergraduate GPA: _____

II. 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: _____

Supervisor's title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If employment has not yet been secured for summer 2026, please identify the relevant placements for which you are applying below:

1. I am planning to work _____ weeks at _____ hours per week at/with: _____
(name of org., research center, or scholar)

2. I am planning to work _____ weeks at _____ hours per week at/with: _____
(name of org., research center, or scholar)

3. I am planning to work _____ weeks at _____ hours per week at/with: _____
(name of org., research center, or scholar)

III. Describe the work you will perform at the placement:

IV. Describe your commitment to LGBTQ rights and your vision for the future of the LGBTQ movement:

V. Describe your experience as a leader:

VI. Describe your vision for your legal career:

VII. References (Please indicate whether references are academic and/or professional)

Reference #1 name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference #2 name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

VIII. Statement of Understanding

If awarded a fellowship for the summer of 2026, I understand that:

_____ 1. I will notify the Williams Institute of any other source of funding for my summer position.
(initials)

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

_____ 3. I will submit a digital photo of myself to the Williams Institute by **June 1, 2026**. I understand this
(initials) photo may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by the Williams Institute.

_____ 4. I will submit a one-page summary of my experience to the Williams Institute by **September 1,**
(initials) **2026**. I understand this summary may be submitted for publication and/or distributed by UCLA.

_____ 5. I understand that receipt of a summer law fellowship does not make me an employee of the
(initials) Williams Institute or of UCLA school of law. I accept responsibility for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and other applicable assessments.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application, supporting materials, and any questions should be sent to the Williams Institute's designated fellowship email: williamsfellowships@law.ucla.edu

Application Checklist:

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