

Maida Summer Fellowship Partners Program 2023-2024

1. Your name and title, organization name, address, phone and website:

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Disability Rights New Jersey
210 S. Broad Street, 3rd Fl.
Trenton, New Jersey 08608
609-633-9709
<http://www.disabilityrightsnj.org>

2. To whom should students address cover letters (name, title, address)?

Note: You will receive student application materials via Symplicity and not directly from the students.

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3. Brief description of your organization:

Disability Rights New Jersey, a private non-profit, is the designated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in New Jersey. Disability Rights NJ provides no-cost legal representation to individuals and systemic advocacy to protect and advance the civil, legal, and human rights of people with disabilities in the state.

4. Brief description of summer internship responsibilities and qualifications:

DRNJ seeks law students to perform novel research, develop legal training material for self-advocates, and support staff attorneys with discrete legal tasks as they handle individual and systemic case work. Ideal candidates are confident communicators, have demonstrated commitment to public interest law, and have excellent research and writing skills. Law students with disabilities, from communities of color, or other populations underrepresented in the legal field are encouraged to apply.

5. Eligible applicants:

Current 1L students _____

Current 2L students _____

Students who could work half a summer or part-time _____

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6. Will interns work in the office, remotely, or hybrid in Summer 2024? How many days per week in the office?
Disability Rights NJ currently follows a hybrid work schedule, with all staff working at least one day per month in our Trenton, NJ office. Staff, including interns, may need to be physically present in the office or in the field more often (such as court, client visits, etc.) based on the demands of our work or specific assignments.
7. Required materials, in addition to resume and cover letter:
- a. References: Yes _____ No x _____
 - i. If yes, number: _____
 - ii. Designation: Professional _____ Academic _____
 - b. Transcript/Course list: Yes x _____ No _____ (note that fall 2023 grades may not be available; students will submit course list, *if requested*)
 - c. Writing sample: Yes x _____ No _____ If yes, number of pages _____
 - d. Other _____ (specify)

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8. I understand and agree that as a Maida Summer Fellowship Partner site:
- We agree to host and supervise at least one Rutgers summer intern during summer 2024.
 - We will have the opportunity to decide which students to interview.
 - We will schedule interviews with students at our convenience either via Zoom or in-person at our offices or at Rutgers on 1/8 or 1/9, 2023 and will inform Rutgers of our top two choices by 1/19/24 (Rutgers is happy to schedule the interviews, if you prefer).
 - We will be matched with our first or second choice candidate, if possible, when Rutgers matches students with sites.
 - We will participate as requested and available in social justice events at Rutgers Law School in 2024-2025.

Your initials in lieu of signature: MRB Date: 11/9/2023

Please return form to Pam Mertsock-Wolfe, pmertsoc@camden.rutgers.edu by 11/10/23. Call Jill Friedman with any questions: 856-225-6263.