

Maida Summer Fellowship Partners Program 2023-2024

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

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Kids in Need of Defense
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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:

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is the preeminent U.S.-based nongovernmental organization devoted to protection of unaccompanied and separated children. KIND envisions a world in which every unaccompanied child on the move has access to legal counsel and has their rights and well-being protected as they migrate alone in search of safety.

In 2008, KIND was founded by the Microsoft Corporation and UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie to address the gap in legal services for unaccompanied minors. KIND now has offices across the United States and in Mexico that provide unaccompanied children with holistic care that includes legal assistance and social services. Through strategic partnerships, we provide pro bono legal representation for refugee and migrant children across the country. Since its inception, KIND has received referrals for more than 27,000 cases and now serves over 5,900 children annually in partnership with nearly 700 law firm, corporate, law school and bar association partners.

In addition, through our comprehensive social services programming, KIND complements its legal efforts by bringing a truly holistic approach to protecting children after their arrival in the United States. We have connected thousands of children – and their caretakers – with essential medical care, mental health care, educational opportunities, and crisis intervention to ensure their safety and well-being.

Beyond U.S. borders, KIND's Mexico-based offices and its programming in Central America works with partners on the ground to address the root causes of migration, protect children during migration, and connect repatriated children to essential services. Through its European Initiative, KIND and partners in Belgium, France, Greece, Ireland and the United Kingdom work to ensure access to high quality pro bono legal assistance for unaccompanied children in Europe.

Each of these efforts informs KIND's robust state, national, and international advocacy and public education work to champion policies and laws that protect unaccompanied children on the move no matter where they are in their migration journey.

4. Brief description of summer internship responsibilities and qualifications:

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KIND's Newark office seeks Legal interns to assist in providing pro bono legal representation to unaccompanied children in immigration court proceedings.

Duties may include:

- Supporting the representation of unaccompanied children: Prepare legal filings for unaccompanied children (direct representation) under the supervision of KIND attorneys, including asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions and state court filings and work card applications; prepare for hearings and interviews.
- Legal Screening: Assist with the initial screening of unaccompanied minor children; communicate with child clients, adult sponsors, and other agencies; and draft case referral memos.
- Legal Research: Research current trends in immigration law and family law, country conditions, and other federal laws to assist in case preparation. Assisting with motions, affidavits, briefs, and memoranda of law.
- Case Management: Update case summaries, track important court dates and deadlines, process referrals and communicate with clients.
- Develop Sample Materials: Assist in preparing sample USCIS and immigration court filings, training materials, pro bono guides and practice advisories.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Must be currently enrolled in an accredited JD or LLM program.
- Fluency in Spanish and English (oral and written) required.
- Exceptional academic credentials, strong writing skills and attention to detail.
- Experience in immigration and family law strongly preferred.
- Experience working with children and survivors of trauma preferred.
- Must be passionate about issues affecting unaccompanied immigrant children.
- Ability to work within an office environment and have regular interaction via telephone, videoconference, IM, and email with KIND's team.
- Ability to commit to a full-time schedule (30-40 hours per week) from May 16, 2022 through August 12, 2022.

5. Eligible applicants:

1L students 2L students
Students who could work half a summer or part-time _____

6. Will interns work in the office, remotely, or hybrid in Summer 2024? How many days per week in the office?

Hybrid, minimum two days per week. Schedule will be discussed with their supervisor.

7. Required materials, in addition to resume and cover letter:

- a. References: Yes No _____
- i. If yes, number:
- ii. Designation: Professional Academic

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- b. Transcript/Course list: Yes No (note that fall 2023 grades may not be available; students will submit course list, *if requested*)
- c. Writing sample: Yes No If yes, number of pages 5-15
- d. Other (specify)

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: JS

Date: 11/02/2023

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