

Maida Summer Fellowship Partners Program 2023-2024

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

Clay Waterman Intake Attorney, Pennsylvania Innocence Project, 1515 Market Street Suite 300, Philadelphia PA 19102, 215-204-0569, <https://painnocence.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:

The Pennsylvania Innocence Project is a non-profit law firm seeking to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit and to prevent innocent people from being convicted. The Pennsylvania Innocence Project also seeks to raise awareness about issues within the justice system, along with advocating for the convicted innocent. The Project operates out of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

4. Brief description of summer internship responsibilities and qualifications:

Description: Summer legal interns assist the Project staff in identifying, investigating, and litigating cases of possible wrongful convictions in Pennsylvania. The interns will each be assigned a case for which they will conduct an in-depth review of all documents, including trial transcripts, appellate materials, and discovery materials. The focus of the review is on whether the incarcerated individual is factually innocent, but also involves trying to determine whether evidence may exist to submit in court. Interns will prepare an "Investigative Report" regarding their findings, which is a lengthy memo of twenty to over one hundred pages. In appropriate cases, the intern will present the case to a committee of the Project's board for potential acceptance by the Project. Interns are expected to complete their case work in person and attend weekly meetings with staff members.

Summer interns will also have the opportunity to correspond with incarcerated individuals; perform legal research; hear from guest speakers; and assist the Project's attorneys with drafting briefs and motions.

Qualifications:

Currently enrolled in law school

Self-motivated, detail-oriented, and strong organizational skills

Exceptional oral and written communication skills

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Exceptional critical thinking skills
Ability to apply coherent reasoning to arrive at logical conclusions
Ability to remain objective when analyzing large quantities of evidence
Strong interest in criminal justice
Experience with Microsoft Office Suite
Minimum GPA of 3.0

5. Eligible applicants:

Current 1L students _____
Current 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?

In office 5 days per week

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

- a. References: Yes _____ No _____
i. If yes, number: 1 _____
ii. Designation: Professional _____ Academic _____
- 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 _____
- 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.



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- We will participate as requested and available in social justice events at Rutgers Law School in 2024-2025.

Your initials in lieu of signature:

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Date: 11/2/2023

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