

**RUTGERS SUMMER FUNDING APPLICATION**

The Summer Public Interest Funding Program is designed to provide financial support to students who have secured unpaid summer public interest internships. The Program also aims to build a community among public interest-minded students and to provide professional development opportunities and networks with the broader public interest legal community. The stipends come from a variety of sources and pay variable amounts; applicants will be considered for the largest stipends first, then for smaller stipends if not selected for larger. The program is available to 1L, 2L, 2LE and 3LE students and gives preference to upper-class students over 1Ls and to students with summer internships at legal nonprofits over those with government positions. Judicial internships are not funded.

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| <b>Step One – Determine your Eligibility</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you a 1L, 2L, 2LE or 3LE?</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you secured a <b>full-time (35 hours/week), 10-week, unpaid</b> public interest/government summer internship that is not a judicial internship?</li> </ul> |

*If the answer to all of the above questions is “yes”, move to Step 2.*



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| <b>Step Two – Agree to Terms of Funding</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept the offer and commit to working with the employer whose offer is being funded</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend a pre-summer internship preparation meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 12:15, or watch the recording. <a href="#">Summer Success Program</a></li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work full-time (35 hours/week) for 10 weeks at the funded employment site</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards in representing yourself and Rutgers Law School</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a 300-word description of your funded summer experience by Friday, August 23, 2024. Google link to be provided.</li> </ul>                                 |

*If you agree to all of the terms above, move to Step 3.*



**Step 3 - Assemble the following key documents in the following order:**

1. Resume
2. Offer letter/email confirming that you have an unpaid full-time internship; be sure to specify if your employer offers any type of pay or financial support should you not receive funding from Rutgers Law School
3. Personal statement: provide a one-page statement about the work you will be doing this summer, and how it connects to your professional and academic goals. Describe why the work you will be doing is important to you, and how you hope to contribute to the public interest community
4. Financial need statement:
  - Describe your financial situation, including how you will make do if the funding is not granted - e.g. savings, loans, parental support or additional job.
  - Indicate if and what special circumstances you have, that may impact your financial need, including the support of a child or parent, paying off significant debt, and/or the need to work substantial hours as a law student.
5. For those applicants who have encountered special challenges in pursuit of your legal education, a one page statement describing those challenges (two fellowships are designed specifically for you)
6. Briefly list/describe the pro bono projects in which you have participated, and/or your support for public interest activities at the law school through PILSA or APIL, including the total number of hours.
7. Provide the names and contact information for two references, including at least one faculty member, on your letterhead.

**Once you have assembled the documents, you can move to step 4:**



**Step 4: Submission**

Complete GoogleDocs form and upload documents here: [Summer 2024 Funding Application](#)

Application deadline: Friday, April 5, 2024, 5pm.