

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization



Yale Law School

2026 LSO Summer Fellowship Program

The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization at Yale Law School (LSO) invites applications for its 2026 Summer Fellowship program. The program is open to currently enrolled law school students who will have completed at least two semesters of law school by Summer 2026. Students graduating from law school prior to the summer of 2026 and LLM students are also eligible to apply.

LSO is the main organization at Yale Law School providing legal representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal assistance but unable to afford private attorneys. LSO clinics perform impactful and engaging work, including litigation in state and federal court and before administrative agencies, transactional work on behalf of community organizations, and policy and legislative advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels.

Summer Fellows can expect to have challenging and rewarding lawyering experiences during their time at LSO, including client interviewing and counseling; factual development of cases; researching and writing legal memoranda; drafting of contracts and other legal instruments; interacting with opposing counsel, government actors, and community stakeholders; and negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. In some of our clinics, Summer Fellows who are eligible to appear in court based on the rules of their law school and the state where the law school is located may have the opportunity to make court appearances to argue motions or present evidence. Summer Fellows work under the direct supervision of clinical faculty members and supervising attorneys and have significant responsibility for each case or project.

For the 2026 program, LSO seeks to hire 17-19 Summer Fellows for the following clinics:

- **Environmental Justice Law and Advocacy Clinic (EJLAC)**
- **Housing Clinic (HC)**
- **Mental Health Justice Clinic (MHJC)**
- **Veterans Legal Services Clinic (VLSC)**
- **Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC)**

The application will prompt you to identify the clinics in which you are interested. For more information about our clinics' work, please visit www.law.yale.edu/lso.

Candidates who are eligible for summer funding from their own sources and who need an early decision on their LSO application to qualify for outside support are encouraged to advise LSO of their situation and to request expedited review of their candidacy. Interested international students are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the necessary immigration status with work authorization.

The program will run in-person only at Yale Law School in New Haven, CT from May 26 to August 7, 2026. Summer Fellows are expected to commit to working 40 hours per week for the 11-week program period. The Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic will consider applicants for a program period from May 26 to August 7 or August 14, 2026. The pay rate is \$18.00 per hour. Modified start and end dates, part-time work or full-time work for a portion of the Fellowship period may be possible with supervisor pre-approval. Please note that this is not a course, but a program of summer employment.

To apply, please complete the application at this link:
https://yalelaw.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcKCZyZtnVA0LyK, and submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, unofficial transcript, and contact information for two references therein. **The application deadline is 11:59 pm on December 31, 2025.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

If an unofficial transcript is not immediately available, applicants may submit one by email to Iso.fellowships@yale.edu after the completion of the application, but no later 11:59 PM on January 31, 2026.

Email questions to Iso.fellowships@yale.edu.

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