

Announcement to 3L Students Graduating in May 2021
Diehl Environmental Law Fellows Program
Applications due January 13, 2021

Lewis & Clark Law School
Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law Program

Lewis & Clark Law School is the recipient of a bequest from John E. Diehl who was an active environmentalist in Washington. The Diehl bequest supports a fellowship program for Lewis & Clark law school graduates who are planning to work in public interest environmental law. The bequest specified a preference for graduates who are “dedicated to resource conservation, wilderness and wildlife habitat and preservation, or human population stabilization.” Recipients will be designated “Diehl Environmental Law Fellows.”

Up to three Diehl Fellowships of \$40,000 each will be awarded to students graduating in May of 2021. As part of their application, students will be asked to describe their prospects for qualifying jobs upon graduation with preference given for those with strong leads or offers of post-graduate employment. It is preferable, but not required, that the post-graduate positions be at least two years, with the Diehl funding available in the second year and the employer supporting all costs in the first year. The committee will also consider positions that are just one year. A fourth fellowship is designated for a graduate who has received an Earthrise Law Center fellowship (and will be applied in the second year of the two-year fellowship).

Application Eligibility:

Applications are available to third year law students currently enrolled at and planning to graduate from Lewis & Clark Law School in May 2021. Applicants must be committed to public interest jobs after graduation in resource conservation, wilderness and wildlife habitat and preservation, or human population stabilization. Qualifying employers include non-government organizations, non-profit organizations, and private firms that focus on public interest environmental work similar to non-profit organizations (e.g., citizen suits). The post-graduate employment must be full time of 35 or more hours per week. Employment with more than one qualifying employer may also count if the total hours worked is at least 35 hours per week.

Students must also be in good academic standing. Grades may be a factor in making final decisions.

Preference will be given to applicants who have already secured a qualifying post-graduate position or who have strong indication they will secure qualifying employment at one or more organizations. In all cases, successful recipients must begin their employment no later than March 15 of the year following their graduation to remain eligible for the fellowship.

The Fellowship funding will be provided upon proof of qualifying employment (letter from employer) and will be made in installments over a 12-month period. The funding can be provided either directly to the employer or to the individual fellow (in the latter case, note that the fellow will be responsible for payment of any taxes).

2021 Application Process and Deadlines:

*By Noon, January 13

Submit application materials via a single PDF document to Diehl Environmental Law Fellows Selection Committee c/o Alexis Burchett: aburchett@lclark.edu

By January 20

Interviewees notified

Thursday, January 28
(afternoon)

Interviews
(via Zoom for 2021)

(possibly also afternoon of Friday, January 29)

Successful candidates will be notified as shortly after the interviews as possible.

The selection committee will include staff and faculty of Lewis & Clark's environmental law program.

***Early applications are welcome and encouraged.**

Please note that Wyss Scholars are not eligible for the Diehl Fellowships.

Application Items: Combine all checked items into one document, save as a PDF and email to the Diehl Environmental Law Fellows Selection Committee c/o Alexis Burchett at aburchett@lclark.edu. Follow instructions below regarding the letter of recommendation. All items must be received by the application deadline. If you are unable to combine all items, need to submit in another format, or otherwise need assistance, please contact **Alexis Burchett, Program Coordinator, Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law** at aburchett@lclark.edu.

The Application should include the following information:

- Completed application form (*include the name of a LC law faculty member who can speak most knowledgably about your interest in public interest environmental law) (application form is attached to these materials). A member of the selection committee will reach out to the faculty member directly.
- Resume
- No more than a 500 word essay detailing your professional commitment to the field of public interest environmental law in the areas of resource conservation, wilderness and wildlife habitat and preservation, or human population stabilization and how receiving a Diehl Fellowship will assist you.
- Unofficial transcript from Lewis & Clark Law School
- List of courses you are planning to take spring semester 2021
- Description of potential or secured qualifying jobs upon graduation
- A letter of recommendation discussing your potential as a future public interest environmental lawyer emailed directly from the recommender to aburchett@lclark.edu (this should be different than the faculty member you identify *above and can be from a professional or other experience or can be from another faculty member)

For further information, please contact:

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Application 2021

[Please type or print legibly]

Your name: _____ Date: _____

- The name of a LC Law faculty member who can speak knowledgeably about your interest in public interest environmental law:

Faculty member: _____

- *Name of person sending your letter of recommendation concerning your potential as a future public interest environmental lawyer:

Name: _____

Title/Organization: _____

**this should be different from the faculty member you identify above and can be from a professional or other experience or can be from another faculty member*