

Public Interest Law Project Summer Award

Awards & Requirements		
<i>Criteria</i>	Full-Time Summer Award	Part-Time Summer Award
Award Amount	\$3,500 - \$5,000	\$1,750 - \$2,500
Summer Public Interest Work (<i>commitment</i>)	>350 hours	>175 hours
PILP Fundraising Volunteer Work	15 hours	15 hours
Pro Bono and/or Community Service Work*	15 hours	15 hours
Enrollment	Lewis & Clark Law Student, enrolled after summer work	
GPA Requirement	>2.0	
Previous PILP Award Recipient	Previous recipients will not be eligible to receive this award	
Application Availability	Late February	
Host Organization Requirements	Must be a non-profit or NGO, government office, or tribal entity	
	For legal work: must provide attorney supervision For law-related work: supervisor with a JD strongly preferred	

**Hours toward the PILP Auction do not count toward this requirement. Any work that qualifies for the Pro Bono Honors Award or the Community Service Honors Award will qualify for both the PILP Award and the Honors Awards. Please check with the Director of Public Interest Law or the Director of Awards to ensure that volunteer hours will qualify.*

Summer Award Details

- Award amounts may vary based on special circumstances including the distance to the host and the cost of living where the host is located. Awards may be less than requested. Once awards are announced, student may decline to accept.
- If a host or a third party supplies partial funding, PILP funding will not increase the recipient's total summer funding beyond \$5,000 (full-time) or \$2,500 (part-time).

Recipient Obligations

1. Recipients must submit a photo and one-page essay in September describing their work.
2. Recipients must chair a PILP Fundraising Committee the year following receipt of award.
3. Additional PILP volunteer hours may be required.

Application Evaluation Criteria

The Work:

- How well-defined is the work?
- How great is the public interest need? Does the need contribute to social justice?
- Will the work will make a measurable contribution to the student's legal education?
- Does the work advance principles of equity and inclusion?

The Student:

- Will the student be suitable for the proposed work (e.g., experience, coursework, etc.)?
- Has the student demonstrated a commitment to public service or public interest law?
- How many pro bono or community service hours, both in general and related to the field pursued, did the student contribute? How many PILP hours did the student contribute?
- Why does the student want to work for the host organization?

The Host:

- What type of supervision will be provided to the student (i.e. a practicing attorney)?
- How does the host contribute to the public interest? How does the host further the interests, rights, and/or protections of the public?
- How does the host contribute to social justice and advancing the principles of equity and equality?

Payment and Taxes

Awards may be taxable income paid as a Prize or Award. There is no tax withholding on PILP Awards and Lewis & Clark must report payment via IRS Form 1099-MISC; recipients will be responsible for saving funds to pay state and federal income tax if any is due.

The Power to Revoke and Recoup

The PILP Executive Board may revoke and recoup an award at any time upon a finding of a substantial misrepresentation in an application. The PILP Executive Board shall have the power to resolve all disputes regarding PILP Award eligibility that arise during the academic year.

Nondiscrimination

PILP will not knowingly fund positions with hosts who discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, marital, premarital, veteran's status or the prejudice of clients.

Questions

If you have any questions about a potential application, please reach out to PILP@lclark.edu.