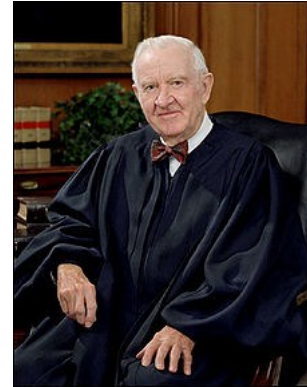


2012 John Paul Stevens Fellowship Frequently Asked Questions



1. Who is the fellowship coordinator to whom questions about this fellowship should be directed?

Kirsten Hill, khill@ucdavis.edu, (530) 752-5135.

2. What kinds of projects will be funded? Are there examples of past applications on file?

The fellowship will be awarded to two King Hall students who secure summer 2012 placements in public interest law. One of last year's winners, Miles Hogan, worked for the Sierra Club.

3. I am almost finished with my statement of purpose but can't turn it in by the deadline. Can I turn it in late?

No. You must turn in the requisite number of hard copies of your statement of purpose, resume, and cover sheet by the date of the application deadline. If you need a special accommodation, please contact the fellowship coordinator.

4. I understand that the law school also administers a UC Human Rights Fellowship for UC Davis students. Can I apply for that fellowship and this one as well?

Yes, if you meet all its eligibility requirements. Please recall that the application deadline for the UC Human Rights Fellowship is earlier—on February 28, 2012. If you would like to apply for both the Human Rights and the Stevens Fellowships, please complete only the UC Human Rights Fellowship, and indicate on the cover that you wish to be considered for the Stevens Fellowship as well.

5. How should letters from sponsoring organizations be addressed?

These letters should be addressed to your campus fellowship coordinator.

6. I can't seem to contact the organization with which I would like to work; its fax and e-mail are down. Do I need to submit a sponsoring organization letter?

Yes. You must submit a letter of support from the organization with which you would like to work. If you anticipate difficulties, please speak to the fellowship coordinator.

7. What should the sponsoring organization letter include?

- What is the mission of the organization and what does the organization do in order to achieve the mission?
- What are the goals of your project and how do these goals relate to the overall objectives of the organization?
- How will your project contribute to the organization's mission and to the community it serves?
- Your previous relationship with the organization, if applicable.

8. Can I apply if I am an undergraduate student or a non-law-school graduate student?

No. Only King Hall law students are eligible for this fellowship.

9. I am graduating in May; this is my last year as a King Hall law student. Can I still apply?

Yes. You can still apply, however, applications from returning, non-graduating law students will be given a priority. In order to be eligible, you must agree submit a formal paper on your fellowship at the conclusion of your placement.

10. Can I seek additional funding for my project?

Yes.

11. I'm not 100% sure I know which project I want to do this summer. Would it be possible for me to develop one project proposal in my application and if I get funded, can I change my mind and use the stipend for a different project?

No.

12. Can I submit a proposal for a partnership project with another student?

No, not for this fellowship.

13. I'm not sure what to include in my statement of purpose. Can you give me any suggestions?

Yes. The fellowship coordinator is available to help students draft their statement of purpose. Please contact the fellowship coordinator directly.

14. What if I simply cannot complete the application?

Incomplete applications will not be considered and will not be forwarded to the evaluators. To avoid this unfortunate situation, students are encouraged to plan ahead and allow for substantial time to research and contact sponsoring organizations and to obtain letters of recommendation from faculty members.

15. When will the fellowship awards be announced?

We will announce the fellowship awards in April.

16. What is the deadline for the fellowship?

All applications must be received by Monday, March 12, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.