

Access to Justice Tech Fellows Program

Program Overview

The Access to Justice Tech Fellows program (ATJ Tech Fellows) is a 10-week fully paid summer fellows program that places selected law students at legal services organizations nationwide to help develop new technologies that seek to expand access to legal services and improve our civil justice system.

Fellows gain dynamic hands-on experience, build skills, develop networks, and increased knowledge of legal innovation while working alongside legal services organizations at the forefront implementing new models of user-centric, accessible and engaging legal services.

Program Components

Selected fellows participate in all expense paid intensive two-day training workshop taught by legal experts designed to help fellows' acquire the skills, knowledge, and values needed to succeed at their projects and futures careers.

Following the training, fellows have the opportunity to directly integrate their knowledge and acquired skills while working on their summer projects. The program encompasses a range of additional supportive activities, including reflective blogs, online webinars, mentorship and other activities.

Who Should Apply?

We are seeking a passionate and diverse cohort of problem solvers who are committed and envision a career path in ensuring equal access to justice for poor and marginalized communities. The fellowship positions are open to all law students who at the time of the start of the fellowship would have completed their first year of law school. A prior technology background is not necessary.

Law students who possess the following qualities are encouraged to apply:

- * **Demonstrated or stated commitment to ensuring equal access to justice**
- * **Quickly adapts in new environments**
- * **Effective legal research, and writing skills**
- * **High level of emotional intelligence and empathy**
- * **Ability to efficiently manage multiple projects**

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$4,000 upon arriving at their host organizations. Exact dates of the fellowship will be worked out by the fellow and host organization and will be subject to the academic schedules.

Application Process

The application period will be open from Wednesday, November 22, 2017, through Friday, February 9, 2018. Candidates must submit their completed application including all supplementary materials no later than 8:00PM ET, Friday, February 9, 2018. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have any questions, contact Miguel Willis, Program Director at miguel@atjtechfellows.org.

Application for 2018 ATJ Tech Fellows Program

Contact Information

LAST NAME (please type or print)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
LAW SCHOOL		EXPECTED GRADUATION
TELEPHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

Gender Identification MALE FEMALE OTHER GENDER-RELATED IDENTITY

Self-Identification (please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN / BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC / LATINO	<input type="checkbox"/> PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
<input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN / OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MILITARY ACTIVE/ VETERAN
<input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> MIDDLE EASTERN	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CAUCASIAN / WHITE	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____

Background Information

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: U.S. OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

(If you are not a U.S. citizen, indicate your status as of the date you submit this application)

U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA HOLDER; TYPE _____ OTHER _____

Program/Project Placement Site

Please select your preferred placement organization below in the dropdown menu.

Directed Personal Statement Questions

On a separate document, in 500 words or less for each question, (1) Describe your interests in civil legal aid and or access to justice issues? (2) What skills, experiences, talents, commitments, and/or interests do you have that would support your selection to the ATJ Tech Fellows Program? (3) What do you seek to accomplish, improve, or discover (both personally and professionally) through your participation in the ATJ Tech Fellows Program

Candidate Submission

Applications should be emailed in a single PDF file titled "[First Name Last Name] Fellowship Application" with a cover page that lists first & last name, law school, priority host organization, LinkedIn profile link, email, and phone number. **Applications must be submitted by 8:00PM ET, February 9, 2018.**

Fellowship@atjtechfellows.org OR via post to:

Access to Justice Technology Fellowship Program
Seattle University School of Law Access to Justice Institute
Attention: ATJ Tech Fellows Program
901 12th Avenue, Sullivan Hall 115
Seattle, WA 98122-1090

Early email submissions are highly encouraged.
Only complete applications received by February 15th will be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
- DIRECTED PERSONAL STATEMENT
- QUESTIONS RESUME
- LETTER OF ACADEMIC GOOD STANDING FROM LAW SCHOOL
- CONTACT LIST OF TWO REFERENCES
- COVER PAGE