

# **Post-Graduate Fellowship Sponsorship**

#### **About NJCIC:**

Our mission and vision at the New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children (NJCIC) is to work with New Jersey's young immigrants and their allies to advance their full, fearless participation in our society. We seek lawful status for immigrant youth and advocate for system-wide change in the areas of education, access to justice, and health equity – including systemic challenges in accessing mental health resources. Our ultimate goal is a New Jersey where every young immigrant has lawful status and the opportunity to advance, and where families can stay together and thrive. We want New Jersey to be a welcoming and inclusive state for all children a place where every young immigrant has the opportunity to feel secure, advance, and achieve success in their lives.

#### The Position:

NJCIC seeks rising third year law students, judicial law clerks, and recent law graduates to sponsor for post-graduate legal fellowships including but not limited to Equal Justice Works, Skadden, Justice Catalyst, and school based-fellowships, to commence in Fall 2024. Qualified law students, clerks and recent law graduates interested in applying for a fellowship with NJCIC are invited to submit an application. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but applicants are encouraged to apply by July 15, 2023. If a candidate is not selected by July 15th, the position will remain open until filled or until September 1, 2023.

NJCIC will work with potential fellows to craft a proposal to provide direct legal services for unaccompanied immigrant children and similarly situated youth in New Jersey. Direct legal services likely will include representation in removal defense, asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and other humanitarian forms of relief before the immigration courts, the asylum office, New Jersey state court, and USCIS. Projects may also incorporate systemic advocacy, such as through New Jersey or federal policy advocacy. We welcome any strong proposal ideas, but are particularly interested in fellowships that are integrated with New Jersey public schools with a focus on immigration or holistic representation of migrant youth.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Rising third-year law students, recent law school graduates, or judicial clerks
- Demonstrated commitment to legal services and to working with immigrant youth
- Knowledge of or interest in serving young people from a strength-based, trauma-informed and culturally humble approach
- Proficiency in Spanish is required.
- Willingness to work on-site at NJCIC's office in Jersey City, New Jersey two days a week (Tuesday/Thursday) plus all additional in-person work as required by the position.
- Willing to travel to Newark Immigration Court, the Newark Asylum Office, and throughout the state of New Jersey for other appearances, as needed.



- Bar admission in New Jersey, willingness to sit for first available New Jersey bar exam, or ability to waive into the New Jersey bar.

### **Compensation:**

Salary range in the mid-upper 60s, medical, dental, vision, 401k, life insurance, long term disability, commuter benefits, flexible work environment, and generous time off.

## NJCIC's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

NJCIC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, veterans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people, and those with lived experiences in the communities we serve are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter with a brief description of any project or issue area interests to <a href="mailto:info@njcic.org">info@njcic.org</a> with "Fellowship Sponsorship Application" in the email title.