

Paid Summer Public Service Internships and Funding Sources

It *is possible* to spend your summer doing public service work AND getting paid for it!

There are two ways to do this: (1) Find an actual paid internship in the government or nonprofit sector OR (2) Get an unpaid internship and find another source of funding.

(1) Finding a Paid Summer Public Service Internship

Although you shouldn't limit your search to paid public service internships (there just aren't that many), many of these opportunities do exist, especially if you are geographically flexible! See Section (3) below for a list of paid public service internship programs and other funding sources. Additional opportunities can be found on [Symplicity](#), as well as on the following websites:

- [PSJD](#): When using the PSJD Advanced Search for Job Postings, select "Internship (Summer)" under Job Schedule and "Stipend" and "Dependent on Experience" under Salary. This will return jobs with employers that offer paid internships.
- [Government Honors & Internship Guide](#) ("Arizona Handbooks"): This guide to federal, state, and local government internships allows you to look up internships by deadline for your class year and states whether a position is paid or unpaid. (Cardozo password: Cardozo123)
- [USAJobs.gov](#): Look for "Pathways" summer internships, which are paid internships that also earn you time-in-grade for the Federal Government pay grades.

Once you have an offer, even if it's unpaid, ask the employer if any funding is available! Although some public service employers post their internships as "volunteer" opportunities, they may have limited funds available to pay you and/or at least provide a transportation subsidy. [Talk to OCS](#) about how best to have this conversation.

(2) Finding Funding for an Unpaid Summer Public Service Internship

If you get an unpaid internship, there are plenty of potential sources of funding, including but not limited to bar associations, foundations, and nonprofit organizations. And these are all in addition to [Cardozo's own funding sources](#), including our Public Interest/Public Service Stipend and the Squadron Fellowships in Law, Media, and Society. When looking for other potential funding sources, think about:

- **Your geographic location**—in addition to NYC, consider where you are from and where you'll be working over the summer. There may be stipends available specifically for work in your home state or hometown.
- The **practice area** of your internship—there are many sources of practice area-specific funding, such as for work in consumer protection or immigrants' rights.
- Any **affinity groups** with which you identify—there are funding sources specifically intended for members of certain groups.

Treat applications for funding with the seriousness of a job application. Feel free to [contact OCS](#) for help.

(3) Sources of Paid Summer Public Service Internships & Other Funding Sources

Below are some sources of paid summer public service internships and other funding by practice area and their locations. Application deadlines may fall anytime during the academic year, so check their websites as early as possible and plan accordingly. **This is not an exhaustive list.** New opportunities constantly arise, and additional paid summer public service internships and funding sources can be found on [Symblicity](#), [PSJD](#), the [Arizona Handbooks](#) (password Cardozo123), [USAJobs](#), and elsewhere.

Animal Rights

[Animal Legal Defense Fund Internships](#) (various locations)

[Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#) (nationwide)

Child Advocacy

[Emory Summer Child Advocacy Program](#) (GA)

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

[Public Advocates Arc of Justice Summer Fellowship Program](#) (CA)

[Human Rights Campaign McCleary Law Fellows Program](#) (DC)

[LGBT Bar Association of DC Summer Equality Fellowships](#) (DC)

[Williams Institute Summer Law Fellowships](#) (CA)

[Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowships for Social and Economic Justice](#) (nationwide)

[Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties](#) (nationwide)

[Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Napolitano Summer Internship](#) (MA)

[New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Social Justice Summer Internships](#) (NYC)

[NAACP Law Fellow Program](#) (MD)

Communications

[Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund](#) (nationwide)

[FCBA Foundation Law School Scholarship](#) (nationwide)

Consumer Protection

[Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project](#) (various locations)

Criminal Justice

[International Association of Chiefs of Police Student Internship Program](#) (VA)

[New York County District Attorney Summer Internships](#) (NYC)

[Blask Fellowship](#) (TX)

Disability Rights

[New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Social Justice Summer Internships](#) (NYC)

Direct Services

[Deborah T. Poritz Summer Public Interest Legal Fellowship](#) (NJ)

[Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps JD](#) (nationwide)

[Martin Luther King Jr. Summer Internship Program](#) (PA)

[Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Summer Fellowship Program](#) (nationwide)

[Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization Summer Fellowships](#) (CT)

[Equal Justice America Law Student Fellowships](#) (nationwide)

[John C. Curtin, Jr. Fellowship](#) (nationwide)

[Public Interest Law Initiative Law Student Internship Program](#) (IL)
[Dan Bradley Summer Fellowship](#) (CA)
[Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship](#) (WA)
[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (nationwide)
[QLaw Foundation of Washington Sher Kung Summer Fellowship](#) (WA)
[San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association Public Interest Fellowship](#) (CA)
[Massachusetts Bar Foundation Legal Intern Fellowship Program](#) (MA)
[Rural Summer Legal Corps Program](#) (various locations)
[Access to Justice Internship Program](#) (TX)
[Hispanic National Bar Association LGBT Division Public Interest Scholarship](#) (nationwide)

Education

[Southern Education Foundation Fellows](#) (various locations in southern U.S.)
[Education Pioneers Fellowship](#) (various locations)

Environment

[Henry L. Diamond B&D Law Clerk](#) (DC)
[New York Bar Association Minority Fellowships in Environmental Law](#) (NY)
[Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program](#) (AK)
[Property and Environment Research Center Graduate Fellows](#) (MT)

General Public Interest

[Hon. James B. McMillan Legal Fellowships](#) (NC)
[K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship](#) (Pittsburgh, PA)
[Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowships for Social and Economic Justice](#) (nationwide)
[Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Public Interest Grant](#) (CA)
[South Asian Bar Association of NY Public Interest Fellowship](#) (NYC)
[South Asian Bar Association of DC Public Interest Fellowship Program](#) (DC)
[Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund Summer Fellowships](#) (nationwide)
[South Asian Bar Association of North America Public Interest Summer Fellowship](#) (nationwide)
[Asian American Law Fund of NY Community Service Scholarships](#) (NYC)
[Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship](#) (CA)
[Hispanic National Bar Association LGBT Division Public Interest Scholarship](#) (nationwide)

Government

[Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project](#) (various locations)
[NYC Law Department Summer Honors Program](#) (NYC)
[New York County District Attorney Summer Internships](#) (NYC)
[U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups](#) (various locations)
[Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr., Judicial Fellowship Program](#) (NYC)
[Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund](#) (nationwide)
[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (nationwide)
[ABA Business Law Section Diversity Clerkship](#) (various locations)
[Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Napolitano Summer Internship](#) (MA)
[Oregon State Bar Taxation Section Public Service Stipend](#) (OR)
[New York Bar Association Minority Fellowships in Environmental Law](#) (NY)
[Judicial Intern Opportunity Program](#) (various locations)

[Blask Fellowship](#) (TX)

Health

[Spitzer Summer Internship Program](#) (DC, NC, or CA)

[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (NY)

[QLaw Foundation of Washington Sher Kung Summer Fellowship](#) (WA)

[Steven Richter Fellowships](#) (nationwide)

[New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Social Justice Summer Internships](#) (NYC)

Immigrants' Rights

[Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Summer Fellowship Program](#) (nationwide)

Intellectual Property

[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (nationwide)

International

[American Society of International Law Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program](#) (international)

Judicial

[Judicial Intern Opportunity Program](#) (various locations)

[Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr., Judicial Fellowship Program](#) (NYC)

[ABA Business Law Section Diversity Clerkship](#) (various locations)

[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (NY)

[Blask Fellowship](#) (TX)

Labor & Employment

[Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship Program](#) (nationwide)

[Law Student Union Summer](#) (nationwide)

[Gary S. Tell ERISA Litigation Scholarship](#) (DC)

[Michael Weiner Scholarship](#) (nationwide)

LGBTQ Rights

[Human Rights Campaign McCleary Law Fellows Program](#) (DC)

[LGBT Bar Association of DC Summer Equality Fellowships](#) (DC)

[Williams Institute Summer Law Fellowships](#) (CA)

[QLaw Foundation of Washington Sher Kung Summer Fellowship](#) (WA)

[Hispanic National Bar Association LGBT Division Public Interest Scholarship](#) (nationwide)

Policy

[Spitzer Summer Internship Program](#) (DC, NC, or CA)

[RAND Corporation Graduate Student Summer Associate Program](#) (DC, PA, MA, or CA)

[Google Policy Fellowship](#) (various locations)

[Public Interest Law Initiative Law Student Internship Program](#) (IL)

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Internships](#) (DC)

[Washington Internship on Social Insurance](#) (DC)

[Williams Institute Summer Law Fellowships](#) (CA)

[Public Advocates Arc of Justice Summer Fellowship Program](#) (CA)

[Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Internships](#) (CA)

[Peter G. Peterson Foundation Fiscal Internship Program](#) (DC)

[Urban Leaders Summer Fellowship](#) (various locations)

[International Monetary Fund Internship Program](#) (DC)

[Southern Education Foundation Fellows](#) (various locations in southern U.S.)

Supportive Housing Network of NY Epstein Internship (posted on Symplicity in the fall) (NYC)

Tax

[Oregon State Bar Taxation Section Public Service Stipend](#) (OR)

Transactional

[National Public Radio Internships](#) (DC)

[New York Bar Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships](#) (NY)