

ABF/National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Program in Law & Inequality

Applications for the ABF/National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Inequality for the 2021-22 academic year are now open.

Deadline: January 15, 2021

Purpose

Pending budgetary approval, The American Bar Foundation (ABF) and the National Science Foundation will support one pre-doctoral fellowship. The ABF is committed to developing the next generation of scholars in the field of law and social science. The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage original and significant empirical and interdisciplinary research on the study of law and inequality.

Awards

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$35,000 per year for up to two academic years (24 months). Doctoral fellows should retain benefits, including healthcare, through their home institution. Fellows will also have access to a modest research account to reimburse expenses associated with research, travel to meet with advisors, or travel to conferences at which papers are presented. Reasonable relocation expenses may be reimbursed on application.

Tenure

Fellowships are awarded for up to 24 months, beginning September 1, 2021.

Conditions

Fellowships are held *in residence* at the ABF. Appointments to fellowships are full time. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the academic life of the ABF so that they may develop close collegial ties with ABF faculty and other scholars in residence.

Qualifications

Applications are invited from outstanding students who are candidates for Ph.D. degrees and who have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation by September 1, 2021. Doctoral research must be in the general area of socio-legal studies or involve social scientific approaches to the law, legal institutions, or legal processes. The research must address significant issues in the field and show promise of a major contribution to social scientific understanding of law and inequality. Students from underrepresented minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.

How to Apply

Please submit all material through this URL: <http://apply.interfolio.com/78719>

Applicants must include:

- (1) 1-2 page cover letter of application;
- (2) a dissertation abstract or proposal with an outline of the substance and methods of the research;
- (3) a curriculum vitae;
- (4) names and contact information of 3 referees that we may contact if appropriate, one of whom should be the applicant's dissertation chairperson; and
- (5) a writing sample, reflective of a candidate's best work and appropriate to a candidate's discipline; and
- (6) a Contributions to Diversity Statement, 2-3 pages in length, highlighting demonstrated and planned efforts to promote diversity and equity through their research or other work, including detailed examples and descriptions that demonstrate both understanding and actions in the following three areas:

1. Awareness of and ability to articulate understanding regarding diversity broadly conceived, and historical, social, and economic factors that influence the underrepresentation of particular groups in academia. Life experience may be an important aspect of this understanding.
2. A track record, calibrated to career stage, of engagement and activity related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Specific details about these activities should be provided, including goals, strategies, outcomes, and your role in the cited activities. Strong evidence typically consists of multiple examples of action from undergraduate through current career stage.
3. Specific, concrete goals, plans, and priorities for engagement on diversity, equity, and inclusion as a potential law faculty member.

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If you have questions about the application process or the position, please direct inquiries to fellowships@abfn.org with the subject line “ABF/NSF Doctoral Fellowship Program in Law & Inequality.”

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