



Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program Legal Fellow

Harvard Law School's Environmental and Energy Law Program (EELP) is seeking a Legal Fellow for 2024-2025 with the potential to renew for one additional year. The fellowship is a full-time, in-person, internally funded position in Cambridge, Massachusetts beginning in the fall semester of 2024. The Fellow will provide legal research and analysis on a range of current issues in environmental and energy law, including regulatory actions to address climate change and environmental protection. The Fellow may also have the opportunity to develop new projects, both independently and collaboratively with EELP colleagues, to provide rigorous legal analysis to advance deep decarbonization and protect public health and welfare.

Fellowship Duties & Responsibilities

The Fellow will work closely with the Executive Director, collaborate with EELP attorneys and staff, and supervise HLS student research assistants. The Fellow can expect occasional interactions with, and assignments from, the program's faculty. The Fellow will coordinate assignments and events for EELP research assistants and other Harvard Law School students.

The majority of the Fellow's work will be researching and writing legal analyses through white papers, blog posts, and occasionally, lengthier articles for academic law journals or external publications. Research topics will include a variety of environmental and climate issues, and the Fellow will be encouraged to pursue research and writing on topics that interest them.

The Fellow can expect to interact with practitioners, stakeholders, and academics active in relevant legal and policy areas. The Fellow may also be asked to respond to press inquiries.

Qualifications

This Fellowship is designed as an entry-level legal position. Applicants should have earned a J.D. within the last three years, and have experience with environmental law and a demonstrated interest in deepening their knowledge of the field. The applicant must have excellent legal research and writing skills for specialist and general audiences and be open to working with our editor. Applicants should possess a strong sense of initiative and must be able to work effectively both independently and on collaborative projects. Experience with presenting, public speaking, and convening diverse stakeholders is a plus.

About EELP

EELP works to promote informed decision-making for a sustainable future by analyzing legal aspects of real-world environmental and energy challenges grounded in today's political realities. The program tracks and analyzes federal regulatory processes, litigation, executive actions, and state policy, assessing the progress made towards clean energy, environmental protection, environmental justice, and better public health outcomes.

EELP strives to produce innovative, precise, and pragmatic legal analysis to address the most pressing challenges in environmental, climate and energy law. The Program's portfolio, research, and projects are selected and directed by EELP's Executive Director and staff.

EELP has a welcoming, collegial culture that values teamwork and a balance between optimism and realism. Salary for this position will be commensurate with experience plus [generous benefits](#), including

eligibility for medical insurance, commuter benefits, a retirement savings account, paid holidays, and time off.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identify, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Harvard Law School is unable to provide visa sponsorship for this position.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter discussing qualifications and interest in the fellowship position, a resume, a writing sample of no more than ten pages that demonstrates original legal analysis, and contact information for three references. The writing sample should include a cover page (not included in the 10-page limit) that briefly describes any external feedback or editing received on the piece. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and must be submitted no later than November 1, 2023. Please submit applications and direct any questions to Hannah Perls at hperls@law.harvard.edu and Sara Dewey at sdewey@law.harvard.edu.