EELP Legal Fellow

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Harvard Law School's Environmental and Energy Law Program (EELP) is seeking a Legal Fellow for 2022-2023 with the potential to renew for one additional year. The fellowship is a full-time, internally funded position in Cambridge, Massachusetts beginning in the fall semester. The Fellow will work on current projects, including the Biden administration’s regulatory actions to address climate change and environmental protection. The Fellow will also 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.

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, and better public health outcomes.

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 directors. The Fellow may be asked to coordinate informal events for EELP research assistants and HLS students.

The majority of the Fellow’s work will be researching and writing white papers, blog posts, and occasionally, lengthier articles for academic law journals or external publications. The Fellow may also work on other communications products, such as podcast episodes and presentations. 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 a J.D., experience with environmental law, and demonstrate an interest in deepening their knowledge of the field. Applicants should demonstrate a strong sense of initiative, have excellent legal research and writing skills for specialist and general audiences, and be open to working with an editor. EELP has a welcoming, collegial culture that values teamwork and a balance between optimism and realism. Applicants must be able to work effectively on collaborative projects. Salary for this position will be commensurate with experience, with a minimum annual salary of $60,000 plus generous benefits, including eligibility for medical insurance, commuter benefits, retirement savings account, paid holidays, and time off.

Harvard will require COVID vaccination for all Harvard community members who will have any on-campus presence. Individuals may claim exemption from the vaccine requirement for medical or religious reasons. More information regarding the University’s COVID vaccination requirement and exceptions may be found at the University’s “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” webpage: http://www.harvard.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-information/.

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 identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, or any other characteristic protected by law.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter discussing qualifications and interests, a resume, a writing sample of no more than ten pages, and contact information for three references. Applications must be submitted no later than December 1, 2021. Please submit applications and direct any questions to Hannah Perls at hperls@law.harvard.edu.