

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 Fall 2025-2026 with the potential to renew for one additional year. The fellowship is a full-time, in-person position in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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's work will entail but is not limited to:

- Working closely with the Executive Director, collaborating with EELP attorneys and staff, and supervising HLS student research assistants, as well as receiving occasional assignments from the program's faculty directors.
- Coordinating assignments and events for EELP research assistants and other Harvard Law School students.
- Researching and writing legal analysis 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.
- Interacting with practitioners, stakeholders, and academics active in relevant legal and policy areas.
- May be asked to respond to press inquiries.

Required Qualifications

This Fellowship is designed as an entry-level legal position. Applicants should have earned a J.D. within the last three years.

Preferred Qualifications

Experience with US environmental law and a demonstrated interest in deepening their knowledge of the field. Legal research and writing skills for specialized and general audiences. The ideal candidate is open to working with an editor and possesses a strong sense of initiative with an ability 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.

EEO Statement

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.

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 copy of your law school transcript, 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, 2024. Please submit applications and direct any questions to Sara Dewey at sdewey@law.harvard.edu and Abby Husselbee at ahusselbee@law.harvard.edu.