

Harvard Law School Environmental and Energy Law Program Legal Fellow

Reports to Harvard Environmental and Energy Law Program Executive Director

Job Summary

Harvard Law School's [Environmental and Energy Law Program](#) (EELP) is seeking a Legal Fellow for Fall 2026-2027 with the potential to renew for one additional year. The fellow will conduct cutting-edge legal research and analysis in collaboration with the EELP team. The fellowship is a full-time, in-person position in Cambridge, Mass.

Position Description

The Fellow will provide legal research and analysis on a range of current issues in environmental and energy law. 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.

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.

Basic Qualifications

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

Additional Qualifications

We are looking for people who have:

- Experience with environmental law and a demonstrated interest in deepening their knowledge of the field.
- Legal research and writing skills for specialized and general audiences, and ability to work with an editor.
- 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.

Working Conditions

This position is based on campus in Cambridge, Mass.

Salary Information

The expected salary range for this position is \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Additional Information

This is a one-year position with the possibility of renewal for an additional year. Harvard Law School is unable to provide visa sponsorship for this position.

About EELP

EELP is a research program at Harvard Law School. Our team of expert attorneys, staff, and student research assistants identify durable policies and strategies for policymakers, the private sector, and environmental NGOs that will facilitate the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable future. We track and analyze policy developments, legal actions, and court decisions. We educate policymakers, the private sector, and advocates on the legal implications of these actions, and we educate the public by serving as an expert resource for media and providing credible, accessible analyses in online platforms. We train students to make practical contributions to environmental law and policy. The Program's portfolio, research, and projects are selected and directed by EELP's Executive Director and staff.

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, 2025. Please submit applications and direct any questions to Sara Dewey at sdewey@law.harvard.edu and Abby Husselbee at ahusselbee@law.harvard.edu.

EEO/Non-Discrimination Commitment Statement

Harvard University is committed to [equal opportunity](#) and [non-discrimination](#). We seek talent from all parts of society and the world, and we strive to ensure everyone at Harvard thrives. Our differences help our community advance Harvard's academic purposes.

Harvard has an [equal employment opportunity](#) policy that outlines our commitment to prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law or identified in the university's [non-discrimination policy](#). Harvard's [equal employment opportunity](#) policy and [non-discrimination policy](#) help all community members participate fully in work and campus life free from harassment and discrimination.