

QLaw Foundation of Washington

2023 Sher Kung Summer Fellowship (stipend included)

QLaw Foundation of Washington is currently accepting law student applications for the 2023 Sher Kung Summer Fellowship. This fellowship provides opportunities for client contact, community outreach and education, legal research, and legal services program development. **This position can be fully performed remotely.**

About QLaw Foundation of Washington:

QLaw Foundation of Washington promotes the dignity and respect of LGBTQ2S+ Washingtonians within the legal system through advocacy, education, and legal assistance. QLaw Foundation offers several free legal clinics every month centered around the core value that LGBTQ2S+ communities are entitled to access knowledgeable, culturally competent legal providers in a welcoming and affirming setting. Additionally, QLaw Foundation also works to empower LGBTQ2S+ communities through providing skills-based community legal education and providing spaces for communities and legal services providers to build relationships, share knowledge, and organize together. For more information, please review our website at www.qlawfoundation.org.

About the Sher Kung Summer Fellowship

The Sher Kung Summer Fellow will provide core support to the LGBTQ2S+ Legal Clinics, including conducting intake and screening interviews, scheduling clients, researching legal issues to support volunteer attorneys, conducting case assessment interviews, and drafting community outreach materials. The Fellow will also have the opportunity to create a self-guided project; e.g., an advocacy memo, self-help packet, informational video, Know Your Rights postcard, or training.

The Summer Fellow will also provide core support to other QLaw Foundation programs, including community outreach to LGBTQ2S+ individuals and families, pandemic-related legal assistance, cross-organizational coalition work, training and coordinating attorney volunteers, providing legal advice, document drafting, and courtroom appearances for second parent adoptions, parentage confirmation orders, and other family law needs, as well as drafting community outreach materials.

Hours: Work hours are typically Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm, though some evening and weekend hours are available for legal clinic support. The Fellow must work 10 weeks in coordination with the academic calendar. Unfortunately we cannot support partial-summer or part time interns.

Compensation: QLaw Foundation provides a stipend of \$8,500 for the summer, subject to employment taxes.

Qualifications: Rule 9 status is helpful but not required. **Bilingual and multilingual students are especially encouraged to apply.** Our organization is friendly, inclusive, and centers clients and community relationships. QLaw Foundation welcomes applicants who are queer and trans, black, indigenous, or people of color (QTPOC/BIPOC), immigrants, undocumented, parents, disabled, or otherwise marginalized, and welcomes applicants with organizing experience, non-legal work experience, and/or personal experience with legal systems. QLaw Foundation does not weigh GPA or class rank in its application process.

To apply: Please send a resume and cover letter detailing the experience, skills, or other qualifications that lead you to pursue community-centered legal services. Please include any experience you may already have with client contact, community outreach, and describe your relationship with LGBTQ2S+ communities.

Application Deadline: QLaw Foundation will begin selecting candidates for interview on Friday, January 20, 2023, but will accept applications until the position is filled. Please address your application materials to Denise Diskin, Executive Director at jobs@qlawfoundation.org. We look forward to working with you!