



The Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Summer Fellowship Program

2024 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Introduction:

The primary mission of the Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship is to strengthen law students' long-term commitment to promote justice and equality for vulnerable immigrant groups.

The Fellowship was established in 2009 by the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law (CHRCL), the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIP/NLG), and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) to commemorate the life and legal contributions of Michael Maggio.

Michael Maggio was an extraordinary immigration attorney and individual who was a life-long advocate for justice, equality, and peace. Throughout his career, Michael received countless professional awards and was honored for his extraordinary legal representation, astute strategizing, unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards, and deep passion for justice and upholding the rule of law. He was an active member of AILA and served on the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project. Michael died in February 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Fellowship Description:

The Fellowship will be awarded to one law student each summer to work on a student-initiated project. Students must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks and provide a \$1,000 stipend (the Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship will provide a \$3,500 stipend). The Fellow will be required to provide reports half-way through and at the conclusion of the Fellowship, regarding their progress in meeting the goals of the project. The host organization must be willing to supervise and provide all logistical needs of the Fellow including office space and supplies. Host organization will also be asked to provide a brief report at the end of the Fellowship.

Eligibility:

- Law student (1L, 2L, or 3L) in good standing at an accredited law school program.
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and/or immigrants' rights issues.

The fellowship program also aims to support applicants from diverse backgrounds, including applicants with personal experience of the immigration enforcement system, immigrants, women, people of color, persons with disabilities, persons with diverse gender and sexual identities, and formerly incarcerated people.

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Application Requirements:

- A complete application package should include a cover letter, a completed application form (part I & II), a support letter from the host organization (with information about the organization, the work the Fellow will be doing, and the name of the person responsible for supervising the Fellow), and a resume.
- Email the complete application as **one document in PDF format** to Erin Lynum, elynum@aila.org.

Deadline:

- The application must be received no later than end of business (5 pm ET) on **Friday, February 16, 2024**. A decision selecting the 2024 Michael Maggio Fellow will be made by early March 2024.

Stipend:

The total stipend for the 2024 ten-week summer Fellowship is \$4,500 (the host organization will pay \$1,000 and the Fellowship will pay \$3,500). The Fellow will also receive complimentary registration for the 2024 AILA annual conference, and complimentary registration plus a travel stipend to attend the National Lawyers Guild annual conference in 2024.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please use this form to insert your responses electronically. You may copy and paste this application form into a new document or simply use this one. When you save your application, use the following protocol for naming the document: Your last name, first name, and the date you send the application and "Maggio Fellowship Application" (e.g. Diaz, Michael 1-25-24 Maggio Fellowship Application).

Please forward your application (PDF format preferred) on or before the deadline to:
elynum@aila.org.

Feel free to include other material with your application (news reports about your work or projects you have worked on, writing samples, information about the issues you want to address during your proposed internship, etc.)

All applications must be received no later than end of business Friday, February 16, 2024.

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Address and phone are good through what date?

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Law School:

Year in School:

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Optional Information (some may be used for purposes of affirmative action):

Age: Gender identity: Sexuality:

Underrepresented Community:

Disability:

Required Information:

Name of proposed host organization:

Name of contact person for host organization:

Telephone number of host organization contact:

Email address of host organization contact:

Website of proposed host organization:

Foreign Languages:

Fluency Level:

Other Skills (i.e. computer skills, typing, Lexis/Westlaw training):

List extracurricular activities you have participated in and approx. dates:

Dates available to work: From: To:

How did you hear about the Fellowship?

List the name, organization, position, how you know the person, email and phone number of two references:

1.

2.

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PART II: SHORT ESSAY

Please limit your responses to no more than 4 pages

1. Please provide a brief 3-5 sentence summary of your project.

Response:

2. Describe with as much particularity and as precisely as possible (a) the goals of your proposed internship, (b) how and why you decided on your goals, (c) most importantly, what you propose doing to achieve those goals, and (d) how you will measure what was actually achieved.

Response:

3. Please briefly describe the organization for which you seek funding and include hyperlinks so further information may be reviewed on the internet.

Response:

4. What kind of legal, political, educational and work experiences have you had which are relevant to this project?

Response:

5. Briefly explain how this type of work may relate to your long-term career goals?

Response:

HOST ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

The Fellowship awards \$3,500 to a law student to work on an immigration related student-initiated project. Applicants must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks. The student’s proposal must include a collaborative plan with the host organization to partially match the Fellowship award in the amount of \$1,000. This matching may be done either by direct compensation OR through other means, e.g., law school public interest funding, independent fundraising, etc. This ensures that the student will receive total funding in the amount of \$4,500.

Please have the organization with which you are applying complete and sign the portion below:

<p><input type="checkbox"/> On behalf of my organization, I agree that we will provide the \$1000 partial matching funds.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My organization is unable to provide a \$1000 partial match at this time, but I will work with the applicant to develop a fundraising plan to secure this amount.</p> <p>* If selecting option 2, please describe plan below.</p>

Signature of Applicant

Signature/Title of Host Organization Representative