



Denver Law and partners offer a range of competitive stipends to support unpaid work with nonprofits, governmental agencies, and judicial chambers during Summer 2025. Denver Law appreciates your willingness to contribute to the public good and we want to support your efforts. For all stipends below, you are generally eligible to receive credit simultaneously, provided the placement is approved, the work is eligible, and externship registration is submitted on time. The options below are specialized opportunities to apply for particular financial awards; other public sector summer placements exist and *some* may offer payment.

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Summer Funding for Public Interest Work

- **Denver Law Summer Stipends (Amount TBD):** Denver Law provides funding to students who are working unpaid in a legal placement with a nonprofit, government agency, or judicial chambers. In determining awardees, the committee will consider and prioritize the following: timely and thoughtful completion of the application, whether applicants are receiving any other funding (e.g. housing stipend etc.); any extraordinary costs associated with the summer/placement; applicants' demonstrated commitment to the public good; applicants' whose work is in the nonprofit setting; and applicants' whose work is on behalf of underrepresented clients, groups, or organizations. Whether or not you are receiving credit is not a factor. If you are receiving a housing, living, or transportation stipend, you are still eligible to apply but specify the funding you will receive in the application. You must have secured a placement to apply. The number of awards and amount of each award is yet to be determined. **Complete an online application, <https://tinyurl.com/dusummerstipend25>, and submit other relevant info as stated in the application. Due by April 21, 2025.**
- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Public Policy Fellowship (\$2,750):** If you will be engaging in public policy work for either a nonprofit or government agency of your choosing for at least 8 weeks, consider applying for this fellowship. Two awards will be given. Applications consist of answering seven short essay questions about your summer position and your interest and commitment to public policy work. Also provide your resume. You must secure a summer position to apply for this funding fellowship opportunity. **Apply via Simplicity #34907. Due by April 1, 2025.**
- **Denver Law, Animal Law Summer Fellowships (\$4000):** The University of Denver Animal Law Program is committed to supporting summer public interest employment opportunities for students by providing guaranteed Summer Fellowship awards of **\$4,000** apiece to two animal law students who choose to work in a public interest law position during the summer. Students are eligible for this stipend during the summer after their first year, the summer after their second year, or both. However, priority will be given to first-year students as fewer paid internship opportunities exist for them. First-year students must work in eligible nonprofit positions for at least eight weeks of their first-year summer, and second-year students must work in eligible positions for ten weeks of their second-year summer. All aid, including scholarship, loan, and stipend funds, cannot exceed the annual cost of attendance. You may contact the Office of Student Financial Management at Law-FinancialManagement@du.edu if you have any questions about the financial aid implications of the Animal Law Summer Fellowships or any other aid. **To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to animallawprogram@law.du.edu by April 23, 2025.**
- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellowship:** The Squire Patton Boggs Foundation offers two Racial Justice Sustained Impact Fellowships. They are with the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights Under Law, working on voting rights, and Lone Star Justice Alliance in Dallas, working on juvenile justice in minority communities in Dallas. The application consists of short essay questions and a resume. Denver Law can nominate one student for the fellowship (students will then be considered among other applicants across the country). **Apply via Simplicity #34859. Due by Jan. 24, 2025.**
- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Sustained Impact Veterans' Justice Fellowship:** The Veterans' Justice Sustained Impact Fellowship is with Swords to Plowshares, a nonprofit organization located in San Francisco and dedicated to supporting veterans and their families. Denver Law can nominate one student for the fellowship (students will then be considered among other applicants across the country). Resume and application form with short essay questions required. **Apply via Simplicity #34857. Due by Jan. 24, 2025.**

- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Sustained Impact Human Rights Fellow:** The Human Rights Sustained Impact Fellowship is with Human Rights Watch, an independent, international nonprofit working to uphold human dignity and advance the cause of human rights for all. This fellowship position is remote or on-site in Washington DC. Denver Law can nominate one student for the fellowship (students will then be considered among other applicants across the country). Resume and application form with short essay questions required. **Apply via Simplicity #34860. Due by Jan. 24, 2025.**
- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Sustained Impact Joe Brand Human Rights Fellowship:** The Joe Brand Human Rights Sustained Impact Fellowship is with Human Rights First, a nonprofit that works within the US and abroad to safeguard democracy and human rights. This fellowship position is remote. Denver Law can nominate one student for the fellowship (students will then be considered among other applicants across the country). Resume and application form with short essay questions required. **Apply via Simplicity #34861. Due by Jan. 24, 2025.**
- **Non DU Student Specific:**
 - **Equal Justice Works Rural Summer Fellows (\$7,000):** In partnership with the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), 50 law students will serve rural communities this summer through the [Rural Summer Legal Corps](#). Student Fellows spend eight to ten weeks at LSC-funded civil legal aid organizations, while developing valuable skills and gaining hands-on experience in several areas of public interest law. **Students earn \$7,000 for working 300 hours during the summer.** You'll be asked to identify your top three host organization choices when you apply for the program. [Apply here.](#) **Due by Feb. 11, 2025.**
 - **Peggy Browning Fellowship Fund (\$7,000):** This fund provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to advancing the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related not-for-profit organizations, union-side law firms, and other nonprofit organizations. It is a ten-week summer fellowship. [More detailed information here.](#) [Apply here.](#) **Due by Jan. 17, 2025.**
 - **Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship Program (\$3,500):** The ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty's 2025 Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship Program will pay a stipend to three law school students who spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates. [Apply here.](#) **Due by March 28, 2025.**
 - For a broader list of summer stipends or public sector options particularly out-of-state, we strongly recommend that you visit the [PSJD website](#) for public interest jobs across the country (some paid) [PSJD summer funding](#) page, which advertises stipends for work in a range of geographic areas and/or substantive issues. Deadlines vary and the list is updated periodically.