

2011-2012 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION GRANT

Up to twenty thousand dollars in grants will be available to be awarded to Iowa Law School seniors (from three to five students) to facilitate their engaging in public interest legal work. The funds for these grants have been made available from private donations through the Iowa Law School Foundation.

To be eligible for the Public Interest Law Foundation Grant, a student must have accumulated substantial indebtedness from student loans and must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing public interest legal work. An applicant must have graduated in December 2011, or will graduate in May, June, or August 2012.

For purposes of this grant, “public interest legal work” means work for an employer that pays a low starting salary and that is either an Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) entity or an agency of government.

Grants will be determined by a three-person committee consisting of the Director of Financial Aid, the Director of Career Services, and the faculty chair of the Student Services Committee. **In making the grants, the Committee will take into account student need (based on the amount of accumulated educational debt and anticipated salary) and the student’s demonstrated commitment to pursuing public interest legal work after graduation (based on existing job commitments or other evidence indicating a high degree of likelihood that public interest legal work will be pursued and obtained).**

Any Public Interest Law Foundation Grant will be converted to a loan if a student recipient does not pursue public interest legal work after graduation; but such a grant-loan conversion will not result from a student’s decision to postpone public interest work while working for a year or two as a judicial clerk or the like (when such employment does not qualify as public interest work under this grant).

**2011-2012 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION**

A. Applicant Information

Name _____

Student ID# _____

Graduation Date _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail (not uiowa.edu) _____

B. Total Student Loan Debt (Undergraduate/Graduate/Law School) \$ _____

C. Employment Status After Graduation

1. If known, Employer Information:

Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Employer Representative who may be contacted _____

Starting Salary (if known, or estimated) \$ _____

Nature of Employer's Work: _____

Nature of commitment of employer to applicant and of applicant to employer: _____

OR

2. If you have no contractual commitment or identified prospective employer, provide any information that will be relevant to the Committee's determination of your commitment to engage in public interest legal work. Please attach a separate page(s) describing your public interest legal work commitment.

D. Please attach your current resume.

E. I understand that if I receive this grant and I do not pursue public interest legal work it is my responsibility to notify the College of Law Financial Aid Office and that this grant will be converted to a loan under the terms applicable to student loans awarded and administered by the Iowa College of Law and the University of Iowa.

(Signature Required)

(Date)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO JESSICA DIERS, 276 BLB
jessica-diers@uiowa.edu ON OR BEFORE MAY 23, 2012.**