The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship program is looking for distinguished students with a commitment, background, and dedication to public interest law, social justice work, and/or public service. Applicants must clearly demonstrate this commitment in their application materials.

During the summer, Stevens Fellows will work with the John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation to amplify their work and the work of their public interest employer, including through social media posts and other communications efforts. At the end of the summer, Fellowship recipients will write a brief description of their summer, including information about the type of work performed and the ways in which it helped the organization. This description will be shared with the John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation which will then share it with the network of former clerks for Justice Stevens and other funders and supporters of the Stevens Fellowships.

All J.D. students enrolled as 1Ls or 2Ls who will be working in an unpaid full-time, public interest legal internship with a governmental agency or a nonprofit organization for a minimum of eight (8) weeks during Summer 2021 are eligible to apply. STEVENS FELLOWSHIPS SHALL NOT BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WORKING AS JUDICIAL INTERNS/EXTERN S. Students working at international organizations and at public interest organizations or agencies outside of the United States are eligible.

The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship program was created in 1997 by former law clerks of Justice Stevens. The Stevens Fellowship Program honors the legacy of Justice John Paul Stevens, who served as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1975 until his retirement in 2010 and was actively involved in the work of the Foundation until his death in 2019. Since its inception, the Fellowship program has supported over 550 Stevens Fellows across the country, 74% of whom are currently working in public interest careers.

Deadline: Friday, April 2, 2021.

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