CENTER FOR JAPANESE LEGAL STUDIES
PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP
FOR COLUMBIA LAW STUDENTS

SUMMER 2015

Thanks to the generous support of our Japan-based alumni, Columbia Law School and the Center for Japanese Legal Studies are proud to offer as many as two fully funded public interest fellowships in Japan for the summer of 2015. Each fellowship will be awarded to a Columbia Law School student in the J.D. program class of 2016 or 2017, who demonstrates an interest in public interest law and working in Japan for the summer. Japanese language ability, while desirable, is not required. Past Fellows have included students whose Japanese language ability ranged from fluent to non-existent. Each Fellowship will provide a stipend of $10,000 to cover airfare, living and other expenses for the summer.

Each fellowship recipient will be responsible for finding his or her own placement in a public interest organization in Japan. This may include a placement in a Japanese ministry/agency, a Japanese Bar Association-affiliated committee, or a non-governmental organization. The Fellow must be engaged full time in the internship for at least 10 weeks. Students may not split the summer between this Fellowship and another job or opportunity. Each Fellow will be responsible for arranging his or her own travel for the summer and, depending on the placement, may be required to secure housing.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

Applications must be received by Social Justice Initiatives by Social Justice Initiatives by 2 p.m. on January 23, 2015. Applications may be emailed to Cat Kirchhoff (Ckirchhoff@law.columbia.edu) or dropped off by hand to Little Warren 302a. Finalists will be interviewed shortly after the submission deadline, and the Fellow(s) will be selected by early February. Fellowship selection is by committee comprised of SJI personnel and CLS faculty. Applicants may be contacted by a member of the Selection Committee to discuss their application prior to the interview stage.
APPLICATION FORM
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Detach this Application Form from the Application Notice. Retain the Notice for your future information.

NAME: _________________________________________   CLASS OF: ________________

LOCAL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: _________________________ EMAIL: ____________________

Signature ______________________________________________ Date: __________________

The Application consists of the following:

1. This cover sheet.

2. Your resume.

3. A separate typed document on which you describe:
   a. your interest in international law, public interest law, and working in Japan for the summer. Include prior experience in Japan or other Asian countries. (1 page): AND
   b. what you would like to do this summer and how it fits in with your long-range career plans (1 page); [Note that while we do not require you to have a placement in order to apply for this fellowship, any ideas regarding the type of organization, type of law, or issue on which you would like to work should be noted. If you have specific organizations in mind, please discuss them here.] AND
   c. any special skills, languages or experience you have which may enhance your summer. (OPTIONAL ½ page) [Note that while Japan experience is not required for this fellowship, it is more likely that opportunities will be available for applicants with Japanese language skills or prior experience with Japan.]

FOUR stapled copies of your application must be received by Social Justice Initiatives no later than January 23, 2015.