Thanks to the generous support of Morrison & Foerster, the Center for Japanese Legal Studies at Columbia Law School is proud to offer as many as three fully funded public interest fellowships in Japan for the summer of 2016. Each fellowship will be awarded to a Columbia Law School student in the J.D. class of 2017 or 2018 (and, in exceptional circumstances, well qualified LLM students), 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 Fellow 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 5 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016. Applications may be placed in SJI’s mailbox, B-26, at the Information Center, or mailed to SJI, Nyaguthii Chege, attn: Morrison & Foerster Public Interest Fellowship in Japan, 435 W. 116th Street, Box B-26, New York, NY 10027. Finalists will be interviewed shortly after the submission deadline, and the Fellow(s) will be selected by no later than early February. Fellowship selection is by committee comprised of a CLS faculty member, SJI personnel, and an attorney from Morrison & Foerster. Applicants may be contacted by a member of the Selection Committee to discuss their application prior to the interview stage. Any questions may be addressed to Nyaguthii Chege (nchege@law.columbia.edu).
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Detach this Application Form from the Application Notice.
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The Application must consist of the following:

1. This cover sheet.
2. Your resume.
3. A separate typed document on which you describe:

   a. Your interest in public interest law and working in Japan for the summer. Include prior relevant 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, foreign language ability, or experience you have which may enhance your suitability for this Fellowship. (OPTIONAL ½ page) [Note that while Japan-related 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.]

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