

QLaw Foundation of Washington

Externship Opportunity – LGBTQ+ Legal Clinic and Community Legal Education/Outreach

QLaw Foundation of Washington has externship opportunities available for 2L and 3L law students in Winter/Spring 2021 (both quarter and semester-long positions are available). This externship provides opportunities for client contact, community outreach and education, legal research, and legal services program development. **This opportunity can be fully performed remotely, and in-person attendance is available if required to obtain school credit but is not required.**

About QLaw Foundation of Washington:

QLaw Foundation of Washington promotes the dignity and respect of LGBTQ+ Washingtonians within the legal system through advocacy, education, and legal assistance. QLaw Foundation offers four free legal clinics every month centered around the core value that LGBTQ+ communities are entitled to access to knowledgeable, culturally competent legal providers in a welcoming and affirming setting. QLaw Foundation also works to empower LGBTQ+ communities through providing skills-based community legal education, know-your-rights materials, and providing spaces for communities and legal services providers to build relationships, share knowledge, and organize together. For more information, please review our website at www.qlawfoundation.org.

About the LGBTQ+ Legal Clinic Externship

QLaw Foundation externs will provide core support to the LGBTQ+ Legal Clinics, including conducting intake and screening interviews, scheduling clients, researching legal issues to support volunteer attorneys, conducting case assessment interviews, and drafting community outreach materials. All externs will also have the opportunity to create a community legal resource; e.g., a self-help packet, informational video, Know Your Rights postcard, or community-based training.

Hours: Between 10 and 20 hours per week are available. Work hours are typically 10am-6pm, though some evening and weekend hours are available/desired for legal clinic support.

Qualifications: Must be a 2L or 3L. Rule 9 status not required. **Bilingual and multilingual students are especially encouraged to apply (Spanish preferred).** Our organization is friendly, inclusive, and centers clients and community relationships. QLaw Foundation welcomes applicants who are queer and trans, Black, Indigenous, or people of color (QTPOC/BIPOC), immigrants, undocumented, parents, disabled, or otherwise marginalized, and welcomes applicants with organizing experience, non-legal work experience, and/or personal experience with legal systems. QLaw Foundation does not weigh GPA or class ranking in its application process.

To apply: Please send a resume and cover letter detailing the experience, skills, or other qualifications that lead you to pursue community-centered legal services. Please include any experience you may already have with client contact, social media outreach, and describe your relationship with LGBTQ+ communities.

Application Deadline: November 23, 2020. Applications will be accepted until the start of the classes if the position is not filled. Please address your application materials to Denise Diskin, Executive Director at denise@qlawfoundation.org. We look forward to working with you!