

ACLU of Michigan Fellowship Sponsorship

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan welcomes proposals from recent law graduates, judicial law clerks and other qualified applicants for funded fellowships on cutting edge civil liberties and civil rights issues.

With 25 full-time staff members, the ACLU of Michigan is one of the largest affiliates of the American Civil Liberties Union and a leading civil rights organization within the state. We litigate groundbreaking, high impact, high profile cases addressing a wide range of constitutional issues, including freedom of speech and religion, police misconduct, voting, due process, privacy, poverty, criminal justice and drug law reform, reproductive freedom, education reform, and the rights of people of color, women, LGBT persons, immigrants and prisoners.

Selected applicants will work together with the ACLU of Michigan to develop and submit proposals for national public interest law fellowships, such as the <u>Skadden</u>, <u>Soros</u>, and <u>Equal Justice Works</u> Fellowships. Selected applicants who are eligible for law-school specific fellowships, such as the <u>Ford Foundation</u>, <u>Liman</u>, or <u>University of Chicago</u> Public Interest Law Fellowships, are encouraged to apply for those as well. Click <u>here</u> for more information about possible fellowship sources.

As part of the ACLU of Michigan's mission to increase access and opportunity for those individuals and groups who have historically been under-represented and underserved, the ACLU of Michigan is committed to having a diverse workplace. People of color, women, LGBT persons and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Fellows will work in our Detroit office.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to civil liberties and civil rights, as well as exceptional research and writing skills. While we will consider project ideas with any civil liberties focus, interested applicants should review our <u>website</u> and <u>docket</u> for a better understanding of our current priorities.

Salary:

This opportunity is not funded by the ACLU of Michigan. The ACLU of Michigan will cooperate with successful applicants to seek fellowship support, and the salary will be based on the fellowship award amount.

How to Apply:

To be considered for sponsorship, please submit a cover letter that:

- identifies a specific area of interest;
- explains why you want the ACLU of Michigan to host your project; and
- specifies the fellowships for which you would like to apply.

Please append a resume and a writing sample to your cover letter. Applications should be emailed as a single PDF to:

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Applicants should also ask two recommenders, who will write letters in support of their fellowship applications, to send those recommendation letters directly to the ACLU of Michigan.

Deadline:

Applications for sponsorship are due July 5, 2016. Applicants will be notified by August 1, 2016 if they are selected for sponsorship.