



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

With over 40 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, reproductive freedom, education, and the rights of people of color, women, LGBT persons, persons with disabilities, immigrants and prisoners.

We welcome project applications relating to any civil rights or civil liberties area. Interested applicants should review our [website](#) and [docket](#) for a better understanding of our work. Proposals related to three current priority areas—[Smart Justice](#), [Voting Rights](#), and [Immigrants' Rights](#)—may be most likely to align with our current organizational priorities. Whatever the topic, we will work with the selected fellowship candidate to develop a proposal that builds on the candidate's interests and skills, ensures appropriate supervision, fits with the ACLU's priorities, and employs strategies most likely to be effective in advancing the project's goals.

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 either in Detroit or Grand Rapids with supervision dependent on the location and fellowship project.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to civil liberties and civil rights, exceptional research and writing skills, and a J.D. degree (or expect one within the next year).

Salary:

This opportunity is not funded by the ACLU of Michigan, although the ACLU may provide certain benefits or other support depending on the exact terms of the fellowship awarded. The ACLU of Michigan will cooperate with successful applicants to seek fellowship support, and the salary will be based on the fellowship awarded.

How to Apply:

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

- identifies a specific area of interest, specific fellowship project, and goals for what you want to accomplish during the fellowship;
- 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 fellowship2020@aclumich.org.

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.

In advance of submitting their applications, applicants may seek guidance about whether their area of interest and proposed work fits within the ACLU's priorities and strategies by emailing Monica Andrade at mandrade@aclumich.org. Applications for sponsorship are due July 20, 2020.