

BREAD FOR THE CITY
2019-2021 FELLOWSHIP SOLICITATION

Bread for the City Legal Clinic seeks law students entering their last year or recent law graduates to sponsor as an Equal Justice Works, Skadden, or other fellowship candidate for the fall 2019 application process (fellowship to begin in fall 2020).

Background

Since its inception in 1974, Bread for the City has been at the forefront of serving D.C. residents living with low-income. Bread for the City operates out of two locations in the District of Columbia—one in NW and one in SE—providing a range of high quality and free direct services to our clients. Our mission is to assist residents living with low income to develop their power to determine the future of their own communities. We provide food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to reduce the burden of poverty. We seek justice through community organizing and public advocacy, and work to uproot racism, a major cause of poverty.

Bread for the City endeavors to treat all clients with dignity and respect. Our Legal Clinic consists of attorneys representing clients in landlord-tenant disputes, public benefits cases, civil protection order, child custody, divorce, and immigration matters. The Legal Team also maintains a Community Lawyering Project that uses legal advocacy and organizing to assist D.C. residents in achieving solutions to community-identified issues, particularly in the area of safe and affordable housing.

Fellowship Job Description

Bread for the City is seeking to expand its provision of immigration legal services. To date, the Legal Clinic represents domestic and sexual violence survivors, as well as those experiencing family violence, in seeking immigration remedies including VAWA self-petitions, T/U visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, and waiver applications on the basis of battery and extreme cruelty (on behalf of conditional lawful permanent residents). In order to boost our capacity to serve immigrant survivors, Bread for the City is looking to develop an immigration-specific outreach and legal representation project focused on establishing a stronger relationship between Bread's Legal Clinic and faith-based communities throughout Washington, D.C. A fellow candidate should also be interested in immigration-related policy advocacy.

We invite law students beginning their last year, recent law school graduates, and those with judicial clerkships to propose an innovative fellowship project for submission to the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works, Open Society Foundation and/or similar programs that outlines a strategy to address the immigration law needs of D.C. residents.

Bread interviews fellowship applicants to evaluate if your interests, background, and proposal are a match to our program's needs. If selected, Bread will work very closely with you to design the final project proposal to match your interests with the needs of our clinic and the target community with the requirements of the funder.

Qualifications

Selection criteria that will be considered in evaluating candidates for sponsorship include:

- Demonstrated commitment to working for low-income and underserved populations;
- Experience working as a member of a team and/or on larger coalitions;
- Excellence in oral, written, and legal research skills;
- Knowledge of or strong interest in the subject-matter of the proposed fellowship;
- Anticipated or current District of Columbia Bar membership or anticipated or current membership to the Bar of another state or territory of the United States eligible for admission to the D.C. Bar without examination;
- Spanish, Amharic, or other foreign language fluency preferred.

Salary

Salary will be based on fellowship award amount.

Application Instructions

Please submit via email only: 1) a resume; 2) a brief one-to-two page project proposal that identifies how you would address the legal and organizing goals listed above and explains why you are qualified to carry out the proposed project; 3) an unofficial transcript; and 4) the names and contact information for two legal references to escheick@breadforthecity.org. Include in the email subject line: "2019 Legal Fellowship Proposal."

For consideration for fellowships that begin in 2019, applications will be accepted until **Friday, August 16, 2019**.

Candidates may email any questions about the fellowship application process to Erin Scheick, at escheick@breadforthecity.org.

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