



Host Site: DNA-Peoples Legal Services, Inc.

Topic of Project: Tribal Law

Location: One of DNA's Navajo Nation Offices (to be determined by Student Fellow and host site)

To ensure safety during the coronavirus pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted the Navajo Nation, DNA will consider and may require Fellows to work remotely.

Description of Fellow Project:

DNA's Navajo Law - Student Summer Immersion program offers the opportunity to work alongside and under the supervision of Navajo licensed attorneys to provide outreach, community legal education, and a full spectrum of legal assistance. Legal assistance provided is determined by, and focused on, the legal needs presented by residents in the Navajo communities. By providing services, and living in the community, the Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow will learn first-hand about legal issues that commonly impact DNA's Navajo clients, legal remedies it pursues to address these issues, and some unique challenges to serving tribal communities.

DNA intentionally offers a broad-focus fellowship to provide the student with an experience that realistically represents the work it does, and what it is like to work as an attorney at DNA. The fellowship requires the student to participate fully in regular office activities, including intake, applicant interviews, case acceptance meetings, data collection and timekeeping, legal research, community outreach, document preparation, and court appearances. With this breadth of integration, Fellows gain knowledge of Navajo law plus a very realistic understanding of the daily professional life of a DNA attorney.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Housing assistance will be provided, defined as helping the Fellow search for affordable housing in their service area.

