



/ 2023 Disaster Resilience Program Project Descriptions

Below are the Disaster Resilience Program Student Fellow project descriptions for the summer of 2023. The Disability Rights Louisiana site project description is provided below:

Host Site: Disability Rights Louisiana

Topic of Project: Disaster and Disability Rights

Location: Offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette, LA

Number of Open Positions: 2

Description of Fellow Project:

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida, many Louisianans with disabilities are facing housing insecurity or eviction, are being denied appropriate services or accommodations, or are facing discrimination based on their disabilities. The Fellow will work to eliminate or mitigate barriers to critical programs, services, and housing for people with disabilities in Louisiana who have been adversely impacted by these disasters.

The Fellow will also focus on expanding stakeholder relationships and cultivating partnerships among the disaster legal community, service providers, and community social services providers. They will strategize, plan, and conduct training and outreach to communities and organizations to build disaster resilience moving forward. The Fellow will share information and resources for disaster survivors and attorneys supporting communities affected by disasters.

Applicant Qualifications:

No language requirements but the ability to speak Spanish and or Vietnamese is highly valued.