

Host Site: Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program

Topic of Project: Disaster Response/Recovery and Immigration

Location: Houston, TX (Hybrid)

Description of Fellow Project:

Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL) promotes access to justice for individuals in the Houston area by assisting those who cannot afford legal representation in civil matters. There are over 310,000 immigrants living in the greater Houston area eligible to naturalize and begin receiving all the rights and privileges afforded to U.S. The Equal Justice Works program seeks to support immigrant communities facing legal problems due to humanitarian crises by assisting them with their naturalization process and helping to remove other barriers to naturalization and disaster resiliency such as tax, probate, and other civil legal needs. The Disaster Resilience Program Student Fellow will work alongside an Equal Justice Works Post-Graduate Fellow to:

- Learn about the naturalization process and other civil barriers that affect one's ability to naturalize;
- Assess applicants for eligibility for naturalization and other legal relief;
- Assist with completing initial screenings, intakes, and document collection;
- Assist with organizing in-person naturalization clinics;
- Develop guidance materials for pro bono attorneys assisting at the naturalization clinics;
- Develop and conduct information sessions and outreach events.

Additional Applicant Qualifications: