



## / 2024 Disaster Resilience Program Project Descriptions

Below are the Disaster Resilience Program Student Fellow project descriptions for the summer of 2024. To find a specific project description, click on the name of the host site below:

| Host Site Name   | Location   | Topic of Project                             |
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| <a href="#">Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project</a> | Houston, Texas (Hybrid position)                                     | Disaster Response & Recovery and Immigration |
| <a href="#">Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program</a>                  | Houston, Texas (Hybrid position)                                     | Disaster Response & Recovery and Immigration |
| <a href="#">Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.</a>                 | Fort Myers, Florida (In person position)                             | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |
| <a href="#">LatinoJustice PRLDEF</a>                               | Orlando, Florida (Hybrid position)                                   | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |
| <a href="#">Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation</a>                  | Maui or Honolulu with travel to Maui, as needed (In person position) | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |
| <a href="#">Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.</a>      | Orlando or Daytona, Florida (In person position)                     | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |
| <a href="#">Resiliency Law Center</a>                              | San Juan, Puerto Rico (in-person position)                           | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |
| <a href="#">United Policyholders</a>                               | Headquarters located in San Francisco, CA (remote position)          | Disaster Response & Recovery                 |



**Host Site:** Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery and Immigration

**Location:** Houston, Texas (Hybrid position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project (GHIRP) seeks a motivated bilingual student intern for the summer to assist our office and Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellow in representing immigrants in removal proceedings (immigration court). The Summer Law Student Fellow will support the EJW Fellow in providing direct representation, conducting “Friend of Court” services, pro se asylum workshops and legal assistance, and other legal services that our office provides through the EJW Disaster Resilience Program. We are looking for a summer Fellow who is highly motivated and capable of working in a fast-paced environment where teamwork is prioritized.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Spanish is highly preferred.
- This position will consist of 3 days in the office and 2 days working remotely from home.



**Host Site:** Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery and Immigration

**Location:** Houston, Texas (Hybrid position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**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.

- 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.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- N/A



**Host Site:** Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** Fort Myers, Florida (In person position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

Florida Rural Legal Services is looking for a summer Law Student Fellow to work closely with our disaster response legal team on a variety of projects. The Summer Law Student Fellow will participate in a variety of areas of law including contractor fraud, construction lien cases, construction contract disputes, insurance disputes, landlord tenant disputes, mobile one park disputes and foreclosures. The summer Law Student Fellow will have the chance to participate and contribute meaningfully to cases, conduct legal research, assist with client interviews, and engage in advocacy efforts. This fellowship offers a hands-on learning experience that will deepen your understanding of legal practice while making a tangible impact on the lives of those in need.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- No language requirements.
- The preference for this position is in person but FRLS is open to a hybrid option.
- Proof of Citizenship is required.



**Host Site:** LatinoJustice PRLDEF

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** Orlando, Florida (Hybrid position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Summer Law Student Fellow will work alongside an Equal Justice Works Post-graduate Fellow on the Disaster Resilience Program during summer 2024. The responsibilities for the position will focus on contributing to the Disaster Resilience Program's objectives in order to mobilize free civil legal aid in disaster prone areas to ensure that legal services are equitably accessible before, during, and after a disaster, leveraging legal skills, and gaining valuable experience in disaster law and resilience efforts.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Spanish is highly preferred



**Host Site:** Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** Maui or Honolulu with travel to Maui, as needed (In person position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) seeks a motivated Student Fellow for the summer to assist our office and Equal Justice Works Post-Graduate Fellow in order to mobilize free civil legal aid in disaster prone areas to ensure that legal services are equitably accessible before, during, and after a disaster. The Summer Law Student Fellow will support NHLC's EJW Fellow dedicated to Maui recovery matters with legal assignments appropriate for their readiness. Assignments vary widely from traditional research and writing, opportunities to shadow and assist with client engagement and case proceedings, and opportunities to develop and implement firm policies and processes, as examples., and other legal services that our office provides through the EJW Disaster Resilience Program. We are looking for a summer Fellow who is highly motivated and capable of working in a fast-paced environment where teamwork is prioritized.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- N/A



**Host Site:** Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** Orlando or Daytona, Florida (In person position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Equal Justice Works 2024 Summer Law Student Fellowship hosted by Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc. will be aimed at service minded law students who hope to assist Floridians suffering losses post disaster and will include a focus on litigation training. A strong candidate would have strong public speaking skills and must be a strong writer. The Summer Law Student Fellow would be expected to work across our twelve-county services area making presentations about disaster legal services and making connections with potential clients and community partners.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Proof of citizenship



**Host Site:** United Policyholders

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** Headquarters located in San Francisco, CA (remote position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**

The Equal Justice Works 2024 Summer Law Student Fellowship hosted by United Policyholders is aimed to recruit a service minded law student who is able to work under the supervision of a Staff Attorney to do research and writing to update an existing national survey of consumer's insurance legal rights in every state and the District of Columbia, as well as other publications in the United Policyholders library.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- English language skills preferred
- Proof of citizenship and ability to work in United States

**Host Site:** Resiliency Law Center

**Topic of Project:** Disaster Response & Recovery

**Location:** San Juan, Puerto Rico (in-person position)

**Number of Open Positions:** 1

**Description of Fellow Project:**





The Equal Justice Works 2024 Summer Law Student Fellowship hosted by Resiliency Law Center is aimed to recruit a service minded law student who will aid our lawyers and team to provide free legal services to communities in disaster-prone areas, by creating policy and strategic advocacy to improve preparation and resilience prior to and in the wake of disaster as part of the Disaster Resilience Program. During the Summer Fellowship term, this student will work collaboratively with our team to:

- provide legal advice, referrals, and aid in the legal representation of underserved Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane María survivors;
- identify areas for policy change and reform;
- engage in outreach and education activities, such as presentations and creation/dissemination of educational material;
- and work with community partners to increase disaster preparedness and resilience.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Fluent in Spanish and English is highly preferred
- International law school students require at least a student or work visa for the selected Summer Law Student Fellowship