



HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Center on the Legal Profession

Call for Applicants

Research Fellowship

Overview:

The Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession (CLP) is seeking 1 or more Research Fellows to join its Fellowship Program in the Summer/Fall 2018 (exact start date negotiable) to conduct independent empirical research on the structure, norms, and dynamics of the global legal profession and to contribute to the research priorities of the Center. We encourage applicants to learn more about the Center's research on its website (CLP.law.harvard.edu) and via its digital magazine *The Practice* (thepractice.law.harvard.edu).

Research fellowships are full-time, in-residence at the Center's offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and typically 2-years in length. At the Center, the Research Fellow would join a lively group of researchers from diverse disciplines as well as Harvard's wider academic community.

Previous research fellows have come from a number of academic backgrounds (including law, sociology, international relations/political science, economics, psychology, and organizational behavior) and have gone onto faculty positions at major universities in the United States, India, Korea, and Canada.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Research Fellow is expected to pursue his/her own research agenda on the legal profession as described in his/her statement of interest and in on-going consultation with the CLP Faculty Director, Professor David B. Wilkins, and Center leadership. It is expected that the Research Fellow will actively seek to publish his/her work on the legal profession in academic journals and other scholarly publications and, where possible, contribute to bridging the academic-practitioner divide.

In addition to pursuing his/her own research, in consultation with Center leadership, the Research Fellow is expected to actively participate in and contribute to the programmatic research initiatives of the Center. This includes working on CLP-initiated research, assisting in the convening of academic conferences, and contributing to the overall academic vibrancy of the Center. To that end, the Research Fellow is expected to write and collaborate on CLP-sponsored scholarly papers, reports, and its digital magazine *The Practice*. The Research Fellow is also expected to participate in CLP-run research workshops, roundtables, and other academic discussions.

The ideal Research Fellow will be able to work independently in designing and conducting his/her own research as well as function as part of CLP's wider team-based research and programmatic agendas.

Required Education, Experience and Skills:

A PhD, JD or an equivalent degree is required. Applicants with a JD or equivalent legal background must have demonstrated empirical research experience. PhD applicants must have completed their doctoral work (or, at a minimum, have submitted their dissertation) prior to the beginning of the fellowship.

Candidates must possess top-notch empirical research skills (quantitative and/or qualitative) in law, sociology, political science, business, economics, management sciences or a similar field as demonstrated by prior research projects, doctoral work, publications or employment experience.

Proficiency with Microsoft Office (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is required. Experience with statistical tools is highly desirable.

An excellent command of verbal and written English is a must, as are a positive attitude, entrepreneurial spirit, flexibility, creativity, and outstanding interpersonal skills.

For More Information and to Apply:

To learn more or to apply, email CLP's Research Director, Bryon Fong, at bfong@law.harvard.edu. Review of applications will be rolling and will continue until the position(s) is filled.

To be considered for the fellowship, applicants must provide:

1. **Curriculum vitae**, including list of publications and works in-progress
2. A **written statement** (approximately 4-5 pages) which includes:
 - a. Research experience and interests
 - b. A prospective research agenda to be undertaken during the fellowship;
 - c. How the applicant's academic background and research experience correspond with and further the Center's mission
 - d. How the Center's mission and a CLP fellowship correspond with and further the applicant's own professional goals
3. A **representative publication or manuscript** reflecting substantial authorship by the applicant

Interest in and achievements relevant to the Center's mission must be clearly articulated in all application materials.