

Thinking of an internship this summer? The Career Services Office has compiled the following list of funding sources available only through the University of Akron School of Law. Please note the different application requirements and deadlines for each fellowship. If you have any questions, please e-mail Assistant Dean, Alisa Benedict O'Brien ([ab139@uakron.edu](mailto:ab139@uakron.edu)) or stop by the Career Services Office.

Please note that in addition to these Akron Law funding sources, there are many other outside organizations that provide funding for law students pursuing unpaid internships. Visit [PSJD.org](http://PSJD.org) and [equaljusticeworks.org](http://equaljusticeworks.org) for outside funding information.

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**1- Akron Bar Foundation Fellowship Program (the “ABF Fellowship”)** – the Career Services Office is excited to announce that the Akron Bar Foundation has created a fellowship to fund first and second year law students with a stipend while the student(s) is performing a summer clerkship with a not-for-profit, public interest or government position. The ABF Fellowship is available to any University of Akron Law School student completing their first or second year (full-time program) or second and third year (part-time program) curriculum. Recipients must commit to working in the position for at least 25 hours per week for a period of not less than ten (10) weeks, starting the third week of May. Students must arrange for work in a not-for-profit, public interest or government position prior to submitting an application.

**To apply, students must submit application to the Career Services Office at [lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu](mailto:lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu) or by hard copy by Friday, March 23, 2018.** The application that is submitted must include: (i) a completed and signed Fellowship Program application form (available in the CSO); (ii) law and graduate school (if applicable) transcripts (official copy, if possible), honors and awards; (iii) a current resume; (iv) a personal statement; (v) a statement from the employer confirming employment and the anticipated dates of employment; and (vi) such other information as requested. The application also may include letters of recommendation.

Up to five applicants for the ABF Fellowship will be chosen for a personal interview to be conducted by select members of the Akron Bar Foundation. The number of ABF fellowships awarded and the amount awarded will be determined by the Akron Bar Foundation, but the amount of an individual award shall not be less than \$2,500 and shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.

**2- The Knight Foundation First Amendment Fellowship** – the Law School is happy to announce the annual Knight Foundation Fellowship (the “Knight Fellowship”). The goal of the Knight Fellowship is to provide law students valuable work experience and to provide meaningful research regarding the need in Ohio for open record laws that serve the public in the digital age. The Knight Foundation (the “Foundation”) will fund the recipients with a stipend while they perform research into the assigned topic. Results of

the research will be presented to a committee to be made up of members of various newspaper, university, law firm, bar association and broadcast organizations.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Knight Fellowship is available to any University of Akron Law School student completing their first or second year. The recipient shall commit to working in the position for at least 30 hours per week for a period of not less than ten (10) weeks. All students must be available to work starting in the third week of May.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A law school student wishing to apply for the Knight Fellowship must submit an application to the Career Services Office by April 3, 2018. The application must include: (i) a completed and signed Knight Fellowship application form (available in the CSO); (ii) law school transcript, honors and awards; (iii) a current resume; (iv) a cover letter, (v) a writing sample; and (vi) such other information that the CSO may request. The application also may include letters of recommendation.

The amount of an individual award shall not be less than \$2,500.00 and shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.00. The number of awards granted and the amount shall be determined by the Knight Fellowship screening committee.

**To apply, students must submit application to the Career Services Office at [lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu](mailto:lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu) or by hard copy by Tuesday, April 3, 2018.**

3 - **The David D. Dowd, Sr. Memorial Summer Job Placement Award** - The School of The School of Law is accepting applications for the David D. Dowd Sr. Memorial Award. Named in tribute to a distinguished attorney dedicated to public service and created by Judge David D. Dowd, Jr. upon the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his service in the federal judiciary, the purpose of the Dowd Award is to promote a commitment to public service for all lawyers. Dowd Awards are directed to Akron Law students interested in seeking professional careers in public service following graduation.

### **To be eligible, you must:**

First priority is given to those who have completed their second year or students who have completed their third year (part-time) by Spring of 2018. Students completing first year (full-time) or second year (part-time) will also be considered.

Show a commitment to public service

Be capable of working 20 hours per week during the summer of 2018 for minimum of ten weeks in a public service position

Be committed to working in a public setting upon graduation

### **Placements this summer - in order of preference:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Preference** Office of the County Prosecuting Attorney in Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties; the law departments in the cities of Akron, Canton, Massillon and the public

defenders offices in Summit and Stark Counties.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Preference:** The United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio and the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Preference:** Other prosecuting attorney offices in Ohio and other municipal law department offices in the state of Ohio.

**4<sup>th</sup> Preference:** Other not already listed public service agencies.

**The student will be expected to work 20 hours per week for not less than 10 weeks.**

If you are interested in being considered for this award, Applicants shall write a letter of purpose to apply for the award, addressing the topic of public service in the context of his or her goals in the legal profession, both short and long term. The letter should also specify the legal setting in which the student proposes to serve from among those cited above. **To apply, students must submit cover letter and resume to the Career Services Office at [lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu](mailto:lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu) or by hard copy by **Friday, April 13, 2018** at noon. A committee will review applications and a student will be selected before the spring term is over.**

**4- Public Interest Law Program** - The University of Akron School of Law Public Interest Law Program (the "Public Interest Law Program") supports and encourages those students looking to gain legal experience in public interest law. Students who have secured a placement with a public interest organization, such as: a court, a State or Federal agency, or a qualifying non-profit entity, are eligible to apply for a fellowship from the Public Interest Law Program. To be eligible, you must: (1) be engaged in legal work; (2) be supervised by a licensed attorney; and (3) secure a public interest placement prior to submitting an application. **To apply, submit a completed Public Interest Fellowship Application** describing the essence of **YOUR ASSIGNMENT** and **WHY YOU BELIEVE THE WORK IS IMPORTANT**. **A confirmation letter from your employing organization.** Please ask the agency to include what **PAY**, if any, you anticipate receiving from them. **Please note that you must be engaged in legal work and supervised by a licensed attorney.**

Applications for **Summer 2018** Public Interest Fellowships will be accepted **beginning Monday, February 19, 2018** and will be accepted through **Monday, April 16, 2018**. **To apply, students must submit application to the Career Services Office at [lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu](mailto:lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu) or by hard copy by **Monday April 16, 2018** at 12:00 Noon. Applications: <http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/extern-register.dot>**

**5- Koosed, Margery Malkin Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund**  
**The Margery Malkin Koosed Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund** was established in 2012 by Professor Margery Malkin Koosed. It honors the memory of her father,

Sanford S. Malkin. **The Margery Malkin Koosed Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund** is established to provide fellowship support for students at The University of Akron School of Law with an interest in public interest law especially those who desire to serve as public defenders, offering an opportunity to gain valuable. In particular, **The Margery Malkin Koosed Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund** provides financial support for law students as they pursue their pro bono work through the School's Public Interest Law Fellowships Program.

Student applicants for **The Margery Malkin Koosed Public Interest Law Fellowship Award Fund** will submit their application in accordance with the procedures established by The University of Akron School of Law's Public Interest Law Fellowships Program (See above).

**To apply, students must submit application to the Career Services Office at [lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu](mailto:lawcareerplanning@uakron.edu) or by hard copy by **Monday April 16, 2018** at 12:00 Noon.**

6- **Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps JD.** AmeriCorps JD provides law students with hands-on legal experience and an opportunity to make a difference in communities that need it most. To be eligible, you must be a current law student and secure a position with a qualifying organization: <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/ameriCorpsjd/apply>. AmeriCorps JDs will receive \$1,230 upon successful completion of the program. More details can be found here: [http://www.files.equaljusticeworks.org/ameriCorps/AmeriCorps\\_JD\\_Application\\_Guide\\_2017.pdf](http://www.files.equaljusticeworks.org/ameriCorps/AmeriCorps_JD_Application_Guide_2017.pdf)  
**Priority deadline for summer applicants: April 15, 2018.**