



Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Law and Inequality

Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Law and Inequality for the 2024-25 academic year are now open.

Application Deadline: January 16, 2024

Pending budgetary approval, the American Bar Foundation (ABF), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Law & Society Association (LSA) will support one postdoctoral fellowship. The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage original and significant empirical and interdisciplinary research on the study of law and inequality.

Award

The Postdoctoral Fellow will receive a salary of \$65,000 per year for up to three academic years (36 months) and benefits from the ABF. The Fellow will have access to a modest research account to reimburse expenses associated with research, travel to meet with advisors, or travel to conferences at which papers are presented. The Fellow will also receive a Law & Society Association (LSA) membership during the duration of the fellowship and support to attend LSA's Annual Conference and Early Career Workshop. Reasonable relocation expenses may be reimbursed.

Tenure

The Fellowship will be awarded for up to three academic years, beginning September 1, 2024.

Conditions

Fellowships are held *in residence* at the ABF. Appointments to fellowships are full time. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the academic life of the ABF so that they may develop close collegial ties with ABF faculty and other scholars in residence. Because this is a full-time program, the ABF does not allow fellows to hold concurrent fellowships, but we support and encourage fellows to apply for research grants.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from scholars who have recently received their J.D.s or Ph.D.s (within the last two years) or who will have completed the dissertation by September 1, 2024. Applicants from underrepresented minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Only U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and permanent residents are eligible to receive the fellowship.

How to Apply:

Please access the application form through the following URL: <https://american-bar-foundation.breezy.hr/p/9255249f562f-postdoctoral-fellowship-in-law-inequality?state=published>.

Applicants must include:

- (1) a 1-2 page letter of application outlining their interest in the fellowship, their academic goals, any relevant past experiences, their interest in pursuing a research career in the field of law and social science, how the fellowship will help them advance their careers, and how the applicant will contribute to the diversity of views and backgrounds in the field;
- (2) a 2-3 page description of a research project or interest that relates to law and inequality (broadly defined) with a statement of how the applicant became interested in the research topic;
- (3) a resume or curriculum vitae;
- (4) a writing sample consisting of a paper written for a graduate-level course or a published piece of scholarly writing;
- (5) names and contact information of 3 professional references that we may contact if appropriate, including one from a faculty member in the applicant's department who is willing to serve as the departmental liaison should the applicant be selected as a fellow; and
- (6) a completed application form (including biographical and contact information, degree requirements completed to date, current and anticipated funding).

Primary funding for this fellowship is provided by the ABF and the Law and Science Program of the National Science Foundation under grant award SES 2314693. Additional support is also provided by the Law & Society Association (LSA).

If you have questions about the application process or the position, please direct inquiries to fellowships@abfn.org with the subject line "Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Law and Inequality."