



**“Students focus on the social framework within which health law is shaped. They learn the skills indispensable to the practice of health law and have the opportunity to apply them.”**

— Janet L. Dolgin, Jack and Freda Dicker Distinguished Professor of Health Care Law and Director, Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy; Co-Director, Hofstra University Bioethics Center; Professor, Department of Science Education, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine



## **THE NEED FOR LAWYERS TRAINED IN HEALTH LAW HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING**

as the Affordable Care Act is implemented and the health care industry becomes more complex. In response to this need, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law established the Health Law and Policy Fellowship and the Health Law and Policy Associate positions to train and develop leaders in this growing field.

The goals of these specialized opportunities in health law and policy area are:

- To provide students with the academic resources to become innovators in the field of health law
- To enable students to become leaders in the field through courses and internships that offer experiential learning
- To prepare students to create new pathways in health law that effect justice by making adequate health care available to everyone

**“As a fellow at Hofstra Law I had the opportunity to draft policy on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, publish a note on the regulation of reproductive technologies, work with the Bioethics Center to organize its first conference, and learn alongside medical students in the Cooperative Professionalism course. Those experiences were invaluable in preparing me for a career in health law and policy.”** — Laura Berkson '12,  
Legislative Analyst at the National Institutes of Health



## The Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy

The Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy offers **EXCEPTIONAL, HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INFLUENTIAL THOUGHT LEADERS** and help pave the way for positive change in the U.S. health care system through innovative and multi-disciplinary learning experiences. Through the institute, fellows and associates have engaged in research and writing, planned conferences and symposia, worked on community outreach efforts, and interned with hospitals and nonprofit and government organizations.

## The Hofstra University Bioethics Center

Hofstra University established the Bioethics Center, a joint effort of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law and the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, in 2011. Co-directed by Professors Janet Dolgin, Ph.D., J.D., and Samuel Packer, M.D., the center enables fellows to work alongside lawyers, health care professionals, social theorists and others to consider the practical and theoretical challenges faced by

contemporary bioethics. These challenges raise questions about end-of-life care, reproductive technology, access to health care, and organ donation, among other matters.

## Internships

Fellows and associates are expected to spend their summers (after the 1L year for first-year fellows and associates and after the 2L year for advanced fellows and associates) in a position related to health law or policy with a nonprofit or government employer. Placements must be approved by the fellowship directors. Fellows and associates are required to complete and submit journal entries to the fellowship directors as part of the internship experience. Recent placements have included the HIV Law Project, Nemours Office of Child Health Policy and Advocacy, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, New York State Department of Health Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Office of the Public Guardian for Cook County, New York State Mental Health Legal Service at Nassau University Medical Center, Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and Mental Hygiene Legal Service.

[law.hofstra.edu/Fellowships](http://law.hofstra.edu/Fellowships)

## KEY FACTS

### First-Year Fellowship in Health Law and Policy

*For incoming first-year students*

Interested students who have been admitted to Hofstra Law can apply for the fellowship. One fellow is chosen from the entering class. That fellow is selected based on his or her academic record, prior experience in the health care field, commitment to advancing health law policy, and leadership potential.

#### TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Fellows are eligible for up to \$20,000 in the first academic year.

#### SUMMER STIPEND\*

Fellows are eligible for up to \$5,000 for an approved summer internship related to health law or policy with a nonprofit or government employer.

### First-Year Health Law and Policy Associates

Up to five Health Law and Policy Associates are chosen from students admitted to the entering class. Any entering students who apply for the fellowship are also considered for associate positions. *There is no tuition scholarship for these positions.*

### First-Year Program Requirements

First-year fellows and associates are required to participate in Under the Microscope, a six-week non-credit seminar, in the fall and the spring. The program introduces health law topics to students early in their law school studies.

*First-year fellowships and associate positions are awarded to 1L students and are not automatically renewable for their second year. All recipients are eligible to apply for an Advanced Fellowship in Health Law and Policy after the first year.*

## Curricular Opportunities

### CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL BIOETHICS

The course provides a foundational understanding of bioethics and introduces participants to clinical competencies that will prepare them to conduct ethics consultations in medical settings.

### HEALTH LAW AND POLICY CLINIC

The clinic focuses its efforts on providing services that assist low-income populations who have an identified unmet need, such as pregnant women, individuals with mental health conditions or substance use disorders, immigrants, veterans, and the elderly.

### JOINT J.D./M.P.H. PROGRAM

As legal and policy changes increasingly become important tools to improve the health of the public, students in the J.D./M.P.H. program will become familiar with the links between law and the delivery of health care, and will focus on issues related to population health.

### LAW & MEDICINE TOGETHER: COOPERATIVE PROFESSIONALISM

The course, jointly offered with the Nassau University Medical Center, gives students an opportunity to participate in a seminar and medical rounds alongside medical students, in an effort to bridge the gap between the legal and medical fields.

## Advanced Fellowship in Health Law and Policy

*For second- and third-year students*

Up to two advanced fellows are selected each year from the rising second-year class. Advanced fellows are selected based on their academic record in their first year of law school, participation in health law and policy offerings, commitment to the health law concentration, and leadership potential. First-year fellows and associates as well as all other first-year students who participate in Under the Microscope in their first year are eligible to apply. Students who apply for the fellowship will also be considered for associate positions.

### TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Advanced fellows are eligible for up to \$20,000 in an academic year, and the scholarship is renewable for a second year subject to the guidelines of the Merit Scholarship Program for Incoming Students.

### SUMMER STIPEND\*

Advanced fellows (in the summer between the 2L and 3L years) are eligible for up to \$5,000 for an approved summer internship related to health law or policy with a nonprofit or government employer.

## Advanced Health Law and Policy Associates

Up to five advanced associates are chosen from students in the rising second-year class. Advanced associates are selected based on their academic record in their first year of law school, participation in health law and policy offerings, commitment to the health law concentration, and leadership potential. First-year fellows, first-year associates and all other students who participate in Under the Microscope in their first year are eligible to apply.

### SUMMER STIPEND\*

Advanced associates (in the summer between the 2L and 3L years) are eligible for up to \$2,500 for an approved summer internship related to health law or policy with a nonprofit or government employer.

## Advanced Program Requirements

In addition to meeting all academic requirements, advanced fellows and associates are expected to assist in research and community outreach projects, symposia, and events of the Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy. This includes support for faculty research and writing, participation in Gitenstein Institute events throughout the academic year, and contributions to the institute's news channel.

*An advanced fellowship or associate position will be renewed for a second year as long as the student has met all academic program requirements and is participating in the health law concentration.*

*\*The guidelines of the Merit Scholarship Program for Incoming Students do not apply to summer stipends.*

## HOFSTRA LAW'S MISSION IS TO PREPARE, CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD.

### Application Requirements for Incoming Students

To be considered for the Health Law and Policy Fellowship or the Health Law and Policy Associate positions, an applicant must first be accepted to Hofstra Law.

*After a student has been admitted*, he or she will be able to access the application and further instructions online at [law.hofstra.edu/AdmittedStudents](http://law.hofstra.edu/AdmittedStudents). A completed application should include:

- A resume
- A personal statement detailing interest and/or experience in health law
- Two letters of recommendation

Finalists may be invited to interview with the Selection Committee.

### For More Information

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