

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellowship Application

A completed application must also include:

- 1) Official Undergraduate Transcript.** The Selection Committee will not accept transcripts submitted through LSDAS.
- 2) A Resume.**
- 3) Personal Statement.** In no more than three pages, please discuss your interest in pursuing a career in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights. Include any factors that influenced your interest in this field that you believe are worthy of the Selection Committee's consideration.
- 4) Two Letters of Recommendation.** Include two letters from persons who can assess your potential for success as a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellow. These letters cannot be those submitted as part of your J.D. application to Hofstra Law School, but may be from the same individuals. Please indicate the names of the two individuals writing the letters of recommendation:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

The priority deadline to submit the application and required materials is **Friday, February 6, 2009**. Please mail them to:

Hofstra Law School
Office of Enrollment Management
121 Hofstra University, Suite 250
Hempstead, New York 11549-1210

For more information or to ask a question about the Fellowship program, call (516) 463-5916 or e-mail lawadmissions@hofstra.edu.



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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellowship

Advocacy That Champions Equal Rights for All



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Hofstra Law School is a leader in pursuing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality under the law. The LGBT Rights Fellows work directly with Hofstra faculty members and accomplished professionals who are advancing LGBT rights.

Hofstra Law School established the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellowship in 2002.

Fellowship Fast Facts

Hofstra Law School selects up to three LGBT Rights Fellows each year from students admitted to the entering class. Fellows are selected based on demonstrated academic ability and experience advocating for LGBT rights prior to law school. Upon graduation from Hofstra Law School, Fellows are expected to commit to helping further LGBT Rights. Advocacy may include political activity, aid to LGBT social support networks, participation in events that promote the visibility of LGBT individuals, and other forms of philanthropic work. The Fellowship is open to persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Tuition Scholarship: Up to \$20,000 each year

Summer Stipends: Up to two \$7,500 stipends for LGBT rights related work with nonprofit or government employers

Annual Renewal: LGBT Rights Fellowships are renewed annually subject to the maintenance of a 3.25 grade point average and full participation in program activities and externships.

LGBT Rights Fellows in Action

While at Hofstra Law School, LGBT Rights Fellows make an impact on LGBT rights through a variety of activities. For example, recent LGBT Rights Fellows have engaged in the following activities:

- Drafted anti-discrimination legislation as an intern at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in Washington, D.C.;
- Assisted with marriage equality litigation as an intern at the National Center for Lesbian Rights, in San Francisco;
- Worked on landmark gay rights cases as an intern at Lambda Legal, in New York City;
- Participated in the Williams Institute Moot Court Competition on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law;
- Presented a paper comparing Norway's gay rights movement to that of the United States at Hofstra's Queer Exoticism Conference;
- Published a note describing the plight of LGBT homeless youth in the *Family Court Review*;
- Published a note providing a new conceptual framework for the LGBT rights movement in the *Texas Journal of Women and the Law*;
- Testified before the New York City Council on the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy at the Servicemember's Legal Defense Network Lobby Day; and
- Spent the summer in Amsterdam studying comparative perspectives on sexuality and the law.

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Applications received by the deadline will be given priority consideration. Materials submitted after the deadline are encouraged and will be considered based on availability.

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Certification:

I hereby apply for a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellowship at Hofstra Law School and grant permission for the Selection Committee to review any and all materials contained in my admissions file. I also agree that the Committee may contact any listed references for additional information. I certify that all information contained in this application is true and complete, and I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Law School in writing of any changes.

I understand that the Fellowship is contingent upon matriculation at Hofstra Law School. The scholarship is awarded for one year, but is renewable annually based on satisfactorily maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and full participation in Fellowship activities.

I understand that upon graduation, Fellows are expected to use their specialized education to further the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Signature _____

Date _____



(Please complete reverse side.)