

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

Application Requirements

To be considered for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights Fellowship, you must first be admitted to Hofstra Law. *After you have been admitted*, you will be able to access the application and further instructions online at law.hofstra.edu/AdmittedStudents.

A completed application should include:

- a resume
- a personal statement
- two letters of recommendation

Finalists may be invited to interview with the Selection Committee.

For More Information

Contact the Office of Enrollment Management at lawfellowships@hofstra.edu.

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“Hofstra Law is committed to the fight for civil rights and equality. We are proud to support law students who are committed to advancing LGBT rights, so that we can help to create a more just society.” – Lauris Wren, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, LGBT Rights Fellowship Program



THE TIME FOR TRUE EQUALITY FOR LGBT PEOPLE IS NOW.

This battle may be the civil rights movement of the century in the United States and around the globe. LGBT Rights Fellows at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law are fighting that battle in legal, legislative, political and electoral areas at the local, state, national and international levels.

At Hofstra Law, LGBT Rights Fellows learn the legal skills necessary to succeed in their fight for LGBT rights in such areas as hate crime protections, employment discrimination and international human rights. Through policy work, scholarship and direct representation, LGBT Rights Fellows have the opportunity to make an impact and promote change in the world.

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Fellowship Key Facts

Up to three LGBT Rights Fellows are chosen each year from students admitted to the entering class. Fellows are chosen based on demonstrated academic ability and experience advocating for LGBT rights. Advocacy may include political activity, providing legal assistance to LGBT social-support networks, and other forms of social justice work related to LGBT individuals and communities. Upon graduation, fellows are expected to commit to helping further LGBT equality. The fellowship is open to persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

SUMMER STIPEND

Fellows are eligible for up to two \$7,500 stipends to support LGBT rights-related summer internships with nonprofit or government employers.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to maintain their fellowship, fellows are expected to fully participate in program activities and internships and meet all academic requirements.

LGBT Rights Fellows in Action

While at Hofstra Law, LGBT Rights Fellows have made an impact on LGBT equality through a variety of activities. For example, they have:

- represented refugees seeking asylum on account of their sexual orientation or gender identity
- participated in a 10-week judicial internship rotation with openly gay and lesbian judges through the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York's Hank Henry Fellowship
- attended the National LGBT Bar Association's Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair
- served on the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York's Public Interest Law Committee
- spent the summer in Belgium interning with the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Association
- published an article in the *Family Court Review*: "Drop the Knife! Instituting Policies of Nonsurgical Intervention for Intersex Infants"
- enrolled in courses such as Sexuality, Gender and the Law; Employment Discrimination; and International Human Rights Law

Hofstra Law OUTLaw

OUTLaw is a student organization at Hofstra Law for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex law students — as well as their allies — with a mission to provide a unified voice for the LGBTQI community and inspire collective action.

Alumni

The program celebrates 11 years of alumni who make an impact every day and continue to serve as mentors to our LGBT Rights Fellows. Fellows have gone to work at law firms, public-policy organizations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide legal services for indigent clients.

Drew Gulley '09, Program Manager, Diversity & Inclusion, Bloomberg LP

Patrick Paschall '10, Executive Director, FreeState Justice

"The LGBT Rights Fellowship at Hofstra Law gave me the education, skills and support I needed to get the job of my dreams at the oldest and largest national legal organization fighting for LGBT civil rights. Since I've been with Lambda Legal, the Supreme Court issued landmark decisions in *U.S. v. Windsor* and *Obergefell v. Hodges*. I was at the center of it all, and the LGBT Rights Fellowship helped put me there."

— Eric Lesh '11, Fair Courts Project Director, Lambda Legal