

*UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW
SUMMER STIPEND PROGRAM 2023 GUIDELINES
Deadline: 12:00 p.m. April 14, 2023*

A. PROGRAM PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The University of Massachusetts School of Law (UMass Law) Summer Stipend Program will award stipends to selected UMass Law students working in public sector legal internships, including placements in government, nonprofit, and legal services organizations, during the summer of 2023. UMass Law highly values public service and believes that internships are one of the best ways for students to explore public sector law as a possible career path. UMass Law plans to award Summer Stipends to **a few select students participating in full-time internships of at least 8 weeks duration** at nonprofit or government organizations over the summer of 2023. The Summer Stipends, which will be up to approximately \$3,000 each (**gross** compensation before any deductions), are designed to help to defray students' costs, bring in matching funds, and honor students who will serve the public.

B. PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY: **Only nonprofit, legal services, and government organizations are eligible.** No private law firm, political campaign, elected official (unless working as part of regular government administration), or other employer that requires the student to be a member of a particular political party shall be eligible. There is no geographical limit on work sites. **Receipt of a Summer Stipend will not interfere with qualification for Field Placement.**

2. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: The Summer Stipend Program is only available to current UMass Law students. To be eligible, students must have **completed at least 45 law school credit hours by the end of the spring semester 2023** and have at least one semester remaining at UMass Law at the end of the summer of 2023, i.e., not graduating or transferring. All applicants and Summer Stipend recipients must be in academic good standing with no outstanding disciplinary issues, i.e., must have a G.P.A. of 2.3 or above and not be on probation.

3. WORK REQUIREMENTS: The work must be legal in nature. Work must be (i) a minimum of 8 weeks, (ii) full-time, (iii) starting after the student's last final exam of spring semester 2023 and completed before the first day of classes of fall semester 2023, and (iv) completed to the employer's satisfaction. **Students can receive the Summer Stipend and be enrolled in Field Placement concurrently; however, hours performed pursuant to the Summer Stipend are separate and apart from those performed for either the Pro Bono Program or the PILF Program.** Summer Stipend recipients are required to keep a log of all hours performed pursuant to the Summer Stipend. The employer must provide supervision by a licensed attorney for the student unless UMass Law specifically authorizes non-attorney supervision.

4. COMPENSATION RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES: Applicants are encouraged to seek matching or alternative sources of funding. However, total **gross** compensation (before any deductions) for the work to be performed, including the UMass Law Summer Stipend Program, cannot exceed twice the amount of the Summer Stipend. In the event that a stipend recipient's total **gross** compensation (before any deductions) exceeds twice the amount of the Summer Stipend, the stipend recipient shall promptly return the excess, up to the full amount of the UMass Law Summer Stipend, to UMass Law. Summer Stipend recipients who transfer out of UMass Law for or during fall semester 2023 must return the full amount of the UMass Law Summer Stipend to UMass Law.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA: A Selection Committee, comprised of one UMass Law faculty member, and UMass Law's Director of Career Services, Director of Public Interest Law Programs, and Director of Student Engagement and Professional Development, will **evaluate applicants on the following criteria:** their commitment to public sector law including prior public sector experience, ability to serve as a representative of UMass Law, and the likelihood that the proposed internship will both serve the public and further the applicant's legal training. The Selection Committee will consider applications, resumes, personal statements, grades, number of credits completed, and any other relevant criteria. **Additional consideration is given to applicants who have (i) already secured a summer position and (ii) sought matching or other additional funding.** Summer Stipend recipients may be required to briefly discuss their summer work experience with other UMass Law students as part of a Career Services Office workshop during 2023-2024 academic year.

6. APPLICATIONS: In order to be considered for a Summer Stipend, each student must submit a completed application form, resume, and personal statement, **only by email** to Leslie Becker Wilson at leslie.becker.wilson@umassd.edu, no later than **12:00 p.m. on April 14, 2023**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Summer Stipends will be announced as soon thereafter as possible. In order to remain eligible for awarded Summer Stipends, within the time frame stated in the letter announcing selection for the Summer Stipend, each prospective stipend recipient must submit (i) a letter from their employer confirming their participation in the employer's 8-week, full-time internship, and (ii) confirmation of their intent to accept the UMass Law Summer Stipend. Summer Stipends will be distributed in biweekly installments, once all required paperwork is submitted to the Student Employment Office (located on the Main Campus), starting after the internship commences. Applicants may list up to two possible employers on their applications; **although applicants do not need to have an employer's commitment by the April 14 deadline, applicants do need to have contacted the proposed employers by that time.**

7. FURTHER QUESTIONS: Students with questions about the UMass Law Summer Stipend Program should contact Leslie Becker Wilson at leslie.becker.wilson@umassd.edu.

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2023 APPLICATION FOR SUMMER STIPEND
DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. April 14, 2023

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Credits by end of May 2023: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____ Full-Time ___ or Part-Time: ___
Local Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

B. SUMMER STIPEND PROGRAM SELECTION:

- UMass Law Summer Stipend Program 2023
 Chancellor Jean McCormack Public Service Fellowship Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Judicial Scholarship Program

C. EMPLOYER (OR POTENTIAL EMPLOYER) INFORMATION (Secured Judicial Internship Required for Gants Program):

Organization I: _____
Office Address: _____
Direct Supervisor: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
When did you first contact Organization I about a 2023 summer internship? _____
Do you have an offer from Organization I yet? Yes ___ No ___
If not, when do you expect to hear from this organization? _____
Can this organization offer any pay? Yes/No/Unsure. If yes, please state the amount: _____
Nature of work you would perform for this organization: _____

Organization II (if applicable): _____
Office Address: _____
Direct Supervisor: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
When did you first contact Organization II about a 2020 summer internship? _____
Do you have an offer from Organization II yet? Yes ___ No ___
If not, when do you expect to hear from this organization? _____
Can this organization offer any pay? Yes/No/Unsure. If yes, please state the amount: _____
Nature of work you would perform for this organization: _____

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Please attach a resume and a typewritten 250-750 word personal statement describing your interest (i) in the public sector in general and (ii) in the public sector legal internship(s) listed in Section B, above, in particular.
2. Are you seeking additional funding for this internship? If so, please list the funding sources and amounts.
Yes ___ No ___ Additional Funding Source(s): _____

E. FINANCIAL NEED (Complete this section ONLY if applying for the Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Judicial Scholarship Program):

1. Did you file a FAFSA for the current school year? Yes No
2. Are you an international student? Yes No

International students and/or students who did not complete a FAFSA may be required to provide a financial statement.

F. CERTIFICATION:

I, (print name) _____, hereby certify that I read and understand the Guidelines for the UMass Law Summer Stipend, Chancellor Jean McCormack Public Service Fellowship, AND Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Judicial Scholarship Programs, that I currently meet all requirements listed in the Guidelines, and that I will return any Summer Stipend awarded to me in the event that I later cease to meet any of these requirements. Further, by checking off each line below, I certify that I have met each of the below-listed requirements:

- ___ I will have completed 45 law school credits by the end of the spring semester 2023.
___ I will have at least one semester left at UMass Law after this summer.
___ I am in academic good standing, i.e., have a G.P.A. of 2.3 or above and not on probation.
___ I have contacted the above-listed potential employer(s) OR I have secured a Full-Time Judicial Internship (Required for Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants Judicial Scholarship Program).

Signed: _____ Date: _____