

The Office of Public Interest/Public Service Law and Careers (the “PI/PS Office,” formerly known as Social Justice Initiatives) is delighted to introduce the **Columbia Public Interest Community**, a network for *all* students interested in public interest and social justice, regardless of the sector they will work in after graduation.

The Community’s mission is to **strengthen bonds between students** and **enrich their public interest experience** at the Law School.

Sign up now—or at any point—by [joining the Columbia Public Interest Community](#) on CLS Connect. No additional application or commitment is required.

Join the Columbia Public Interest Community to:

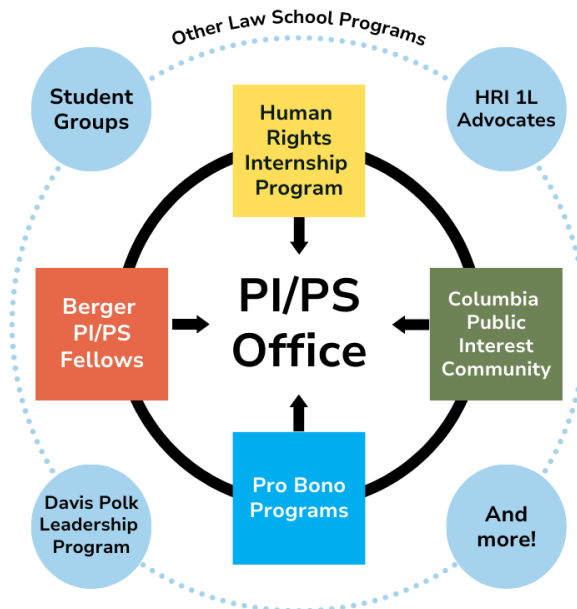
- **Be part of a community** of students interested in public interest and social justice.
- **Attend weekly community coffees** and other social events.
- **Connect with public interest faculty and practitioners** through relationship-building opportunities.
- **Develop relationships** with PI/PS Office staff—we’re here for every step of your journey.
- **Be the first to know** about programs and **get priority seating** for limited-space events.
- **List your membership on your resume** to demonstrate your public interest commitment.



Join the
Community
today!

About the Office for Public Interest/ Public Service Law and Careers

The PI/PS Office is the hub for all things public interest, public service, and human rights at the Law School. Our team is here to help you chart your public interest path by providing holistic career and internship advising, pro bono opportunities, thought-provoking programming, and more.





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Columbia Public Interest Community

There are many ways to explore public interest at Columbia:

- ☐ **Join the [Columbia Public Interest Community](#)** to see our event calendar, receive special invitations, find resources, and connect directly with the PI/PS Office staff.
- ☐ **Get to know the PI/PS Office advisers**—stop by the 8th floor of William and June Warren Hall. Come to weekly community coffees. Sign up for advising appointments. We'd love to meet you!
- ☐ **Read the PI/PS Office weekly newsletter** for upcoming programs and deadlines. (All students automatically receive the newsletter.)
- ☐ **Participate in Columbia Public Interest Community programs** on career paths, practice areas, and professional development, social events, and programs offered by student groups.
- ☐ **Become familiar** with PI/PS Office [job search tools](#).
- ☐ **Volunteer for [Spring Break Pro Bono Caravans](#)** to provide vital assistance to underserved communities around the globe.
- ☐ **Gain experience abroad with the [Human Rights Internship Program](#)** for international human rights summer internships.
- ☐ **Become a member of a [student organization](#)** that provides opportunities to get involved in public service and meet like-minded students.
- ☐ **Engage with [centers and programs](#)**, led by faculty or practitioners, focused on a range of issues.
- ☐ **Sign up for [Columbia Summer Funding](#)** for internships in public interest or government.
- ☐ **Hone your skills through experiential learning**, such as [clinics](#), [externships](#), and [policy labs](#).
- ☐ **Work on a student-led [journal](#)**. Many focus on public interest topics.
- ☐ **Learn about support you can receive after graduation**, such as the [Public Service Bridge Loan](#), [Loan Repayment Assistance Program](#), and [fellowships](#).
- ☐ **Learn [how to pivot](#) into public interest** if you plan to start out in the private sector.
- ☐ **And much more!**