

## Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships 2025

The [Office of Public Interest/Public Service Law and Careers](#) (the PI/PS Office) and the [Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies](#) are pleased to announce the 2025 Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowship. The fellowship will support one to two recent Columbia Law School graduates to pursue public interest legal work in the United States for three to six months. The fellowship will be awarded to graduating LL.M. or J.D. students from China. Fellows will receive between three and six months of funding at approximately \$3,333 per month. One or two fellowships will be awarded this year. It is anticipated that fellowships will begin by August or September 2025. Recipients of the fellowship will be responsible for locating their positions but will be assisted by the staff at the PI/PS Office throughout the spring semester. Fellows will be expected to work full-time at public interest law organizations during the entire term of their fellowships. Please note that this is not a research fellowship.

**The deadline to apply is March 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.** Please apply on Symplicity (search for “Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowship 2025”). You will be required to upload the following documents.

- Your resume
- Your unofficial Columbia Law School transcript
- The name of a Columbia faculty member willing to serve as a reference for you (an actual letter of recommendation is not required)
- A one- to two-page statement detailing the reasons for your interest in the fellowship, including the area of law in which you hope to work and the desired duration of the fellowship (three months minimum to six months maximum). This may be uploaded as an “additional document.”

It is anticipated that fellowship recipients will be chosen by the end of March 2025, allowing the remainder of the spring semester to find a public interest work placement.

Please note that Haas Fellows are not employees of Columbia University or Columbia Law School. The university will not provide health insurance or other benefits. Unless their host organizations ask to have the stipend transferred to the organization, fellows are paid by

Columbia Law School in monthly installments. Funds are not available before fellows commence work. Stipends are subject to U.S. taxes. *If you plan to start your fellowship prior to July 1, 2025, please reach out to Rebecca Hinde ([rh2523@columbia.edu](mailto:rh2523@columbia.edu)) to discuss the payment schedule. Also, if your proposed host organization is a U.N. agency, please reach out to Rebecca Hinde ([rh2523@columbia.edu](mailto:rh2523@columbia.edu)) ASAP, and definitely before you submit your application.*

Please direct your fellowship inquiries to one of the following:

- For questions about substantive issues such as fellowship criteria or the appropriateness of a reference: Director of Human Rights and Public International Law Kerry McLean ([km3754@columbia.edu](mailto:km3754@columbia.edu)) or Assistant Director of Asian Law Programs Nick Pozek ([nkp2118@columbia.edu](mailto:nkp2118@columbia.edu)).
- For administrative questions about submitting your materials: Assistant Director of Asian Law Programs Nick Pozek ([nkp2118@columbia.edu](mailto:nkp2118@columbia.edu)).
- For questions about the payment process: Coordinator for Communications and Postgraduate Fellowships Rebecca Hinde ([rh2523@columbia.edu](mailto:rh2523@columbia.edu)).