

## Key Financial Dates for Public Sector 3Ls

# Bridge Loan, LRAP & Enhanced LRAP



### Bridge Loan

#### \$10,000 Loan for Public Sector 3Ls

- **Earliest Disbursement:** November 15 for Pro Bono Scholars or April 1 for May 2022 graduates
- Application must include a draft LRAP application
- **Last Date to Apply:** May 13, 2022



### LRAP

#### Loan Repayment Assistance Program

- Not sure if a prospective job will qualify? Send the job description to [LRAP@law.columbia.edu](mailto:LRAP@law.columbia.edu) as soon as possible and *before* you accept the job offer
- **Due Date:** 4-6 weeks before job starts



### Enhanced LRAP Fellowships

#### Two different fellowships that raise the salary to \$100,000 before contribution

- Both Lowenstein and Berger LRAP fellowships are offered this year
- **Due Date:** June 2022



### More information

#### For questions or additional resources:

- **Office of Financial Aid Drop-In Hours:** Fridays from 12:00-2:00pm in-person or by phone at (212) 854-6522
- **Make a Symplicity appointment** using the “Financing Public Sector Careers” tag

See reverse for more information, including CLS grads willing to talk about finances with you.

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**The Bridge Loan** provides Columbia Law School J.D. graduates with an LRAP-eligible loan of up to \$10,000 for bar-related expenses.

**Enhanced LRAP Fellowships** cover all loans up to the cost of law school tuition for recipients whose annual income does not exceed \$100,000. The schedule of forgiveness is accelerated beyond that of the typical LRAP arrangement.

### **Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**

- **Traditional LRAP Sample Benefits**: sample of LRAP benefits at different salary levels
- **LRAP Policy**: full description of the LRAP program
- **LRAP for (Not) Dummies**: video of strategies by the Student Public Interest Network

**Talk to a Financial Advisor** one-on-one through [AccessConnex](#), a free service for CLS students (and grads), who work with the Office of Financial Aid to understand CLS LRAP. You can also enter to win up to \$40,000 dollars in scholarship funds by using [MAX!](#)

## Talk to a Columbia Law graduate about LRAP!

**Princeton Hynes '17** *Piedmont, GA*  
Staff Attorney, Piedmont Circuit Public Defender

**Andrea McChristian '12** *Newark, NJ*  
Law and Policy Director, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (Previously: BigLaw)

**Suparna Reddy '17** *Washington, D.C.*  
Legislative Counsel (Judiciary), Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) (Previously: BigLaw)

**Edward Smith '19** *New York, NY*  
Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office

**Ben Bennett '19** *Detroit, MI*  
U.S. District Court Clerk for the Eastern District of Michigan (Soon: Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Chicago)

**Tiffani Burgess '20** *New York, NY*  
Economic Justice Fellow, NAACP LDF

**Haben Fecadu '12** *Nairobi, Kenya*  
Deputy Chief of Party/Senior Legal Advisor, Expanding Access to Justice in Somalia, ABA Rule of Law Initiative

**Kinara Flagg '11** *Washington, D.C.*  
Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

## Webpages to Bookmark

- **Office of Financial Aid:** [Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Public Interest Lawyers](#)
- **Social Justice Initiatives:** [Financing Your Public Interest and Public Service Career](#)
- **Columbia Law School:** [Financial Wellness Portal](#)