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World Bank LL.M. Fellowship 2026

The Columbia Law School World Bank LL.M. Fellowship funds Columbia Law School LL.M. graduates to work in the Office of the Legal Vice Presidency at the World Bank in Washington, DC, for six months. It is exclusively available to the current graduating LL.M. class of Columbia Law School.

The World Bank Legal Vice Presidency provides a variety of legal services in different departmental units, including operational project finance in different regions, environmental law, corporate finance, administrative law, and more. The person selected for this fellowship will be assigned to a unit to perform legal tasks with World Bank lawyers.

The fellow will work full-time at the World Bank's office in Washington, DC. The fellowship will begin after May 2025, likely during the summer months and no later than five months after graduation. The monthly stipend is \$3,216.66.

The fellowship application is due at 11:59 p.m. ET on December 7, 2025. The results will be announced by March 1, 2026.

Visas and Payment

The fellows will be paid directly by Columbia through direct deposit. The fellow will be required to set up a Payment Works account.

The World Bank specifies that fellows who require a visa in order to work in the United States obtain a G4 visa. Since paying fellows who are in the United States on G4 visas is very complex, the payment registration process must begin months in advance and well before graduation.

After the World Bank Fellow is named, the recipient must follow Columbia's instructions promptly. Failure to do so could result in loss of the fellowship.

The stipend is subject to U.S. taxes. Due to tax policies that affect G4 visa holders, the tax rate for a World Bank Fellow recipient who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident is expected to be thirty percent.

If you have questions about the payment process, please contact Rebecca Hinde in the PI/PS Office at rh2523@columbia.edu.

Application Instructions

To apply for this fellowship, please [upload](#) a resume, a 1-2 page cover letter explaining your interest in the fellowship and how the fellowship fits in your long-term career plans, and a 5-10 page writing sample by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 7, 2025. Applicants must also share their fall transcripts when their grades are ready. They will receive instructions on how to do so after the application deadline.

Fellowship Contacts

Applicants should meet with Kristi Ueda, PI/PS associate director of human rights and public international law, before submitting an application. Please make an appointment via Symplicity or email her at ku2215@columbia.edu.

In addition, you may contact Rebecca Hinde, coordinator for postgraduate fellowships, at rh2523@columbia.edu with questions about the online application form or payment process.

Please note that she is unable to provide advice on substantive questions, such as how to write a strong cover letter.