



PROJECT ON PREDATORY STUDENT LENDING
LEGAL SERVICES CENTER OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

The Project on Predatory Student Lending Seeks Summer Internship Applications From First- and Second-Year Law Students

Project Overview

The Project on Predatory Student Lending fights for low-income borrowers who have debt from attending for-profit colleges. These companies engage in unfair, deceptive, and illegal conduct that leaves students and their families with overwhelming debt and limited economic opportunities. In addition to harming individual borrowers, for-profit schools defraud taxpayers by taking federal financial aid money without giving students the benefit of a quality education. Because these schools target students based on race, gender, and socioeconomic status, this issue is at the intersection of consumer protection and civil rights law.

We litigate against for-profit school companies, enforce borrowers' statutory and contractual right to debt cancellation after being defrauded, and hold the government accountable for failing to regulate schools and protect students. In an ever-changing political and regulatory landscape, the Project frequently engages in novel and agile litigation strategies to ensure its clients' rights are enforced. To learn more about our current cases, please visit our [website](#), read [news coverage](#) of our work, and listen to [our clients'](#) experiences with for-profit schools.

As a component of the [Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School](#) (LSC), the Project is committed to serving low-income and at-risk communities, while also fostering an environment for legal education. LSC houses five clinical programs—the Family and Domestic Violence Law Unit, Federal Tax Unit, Housing Law Unit, Predatory Lending and Consumer Protection Unit, and Veterans Law Unit—as well as various community education initiatives. Law students staff these clinics during the fall, spring, and summer, providing much-needed support for LSC's clients while developing their own legal advocacy skills.

Internship Overview

Summer interns will work closely with Project attorneys on the Project's active cases and advocacy initiatives. These cases relate to consumer law, higher education law, civil rights law, and administrative law, and all further the Project's mission of ending for-profit schools' predatory conduct against students.

As part of LSC's summer internship class, interns will attend frequent brown-bag lunches and will have the opportunity to connect with staff attorneys across the different practice units. The Project is committed to helping students and young attorneys with a commitment to public interest—particularly relating to consumer protection and civil rights—develop their career plans. To that end, we provide summer interns opportunities to work with a wide variety of partner organizations and forge other relationships to help them find employment and careers in public interest law.

Roles and Responsibilities

Alongside Project staff, interns will work to meet our clients' immediate and ongoing needs. Responsibilities will include drafting legal filings; researching and drafting legal memoranda on matters relating to borrowers' rights, administrative law, and novel legal strategies; interacting with potential clients; and assisting with current cases.

Desired Experience and Qualifications

Candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law, particularly consumer protection, racial justice, equal access to education, and government accountability; excellent legal research and writing skills; and an interest in working on a small team and willingness to help meet unforeseen challenges as they arise.

The Project is committed to providing a welcoming and diverse environment, and seeks applicants from all backgrounds, including students who identify with the communities most impacted by for-profit schools.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample (no longer than five pages), and law school transcript to ppsl@law.harvard.edu, using the subject line format "Last Name, First Name Summer Internship Application." 1Ls should not apply prior to December 1, 2017. Cover letters may be addressed to Lindsey Withem. Please contact Lindsey with any questions at lwithem@law.harvard.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.