

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL
GEORGE J. MCMAHON, S.J./FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL (“ULJ”) FELLOWSHIP
2015 APPLICATION FORM--SUBMIT 6 COPIES (TOGETHER WITH RELATED
MATERIALS OUTLINED ON THE INFORMATION SHEET) TO THE *ULJ* OFFICE (LL-
128, EIC MAILBOX) ON OR BEFORE
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 AT 5:00 PM.

The McMahon Fellowship provides grants of up to \$5000 for a Fordham Law Student to work full-time for 10 weeks over the summer with a social justice organization. Preference is given to applicants working with organizations located in the United States and outside of New York City. The Fellowship is administered through the Feerick Center for Social Justice in cooperation with the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* and the *Fordham Urban Law Journal’s* Alumni Association.

Recipients are required to partner with a nonprofit or government organization in the United States engaged in poverty relief or study, conduct on-site interviews and research, and produce a written work of publishable quality acceptable to the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. While preference is given to applicants who travel to and spend their summer in a city or area of interest outside of New York, applicants who will be working in the New York City region are also welcome.

The recipient of the Fellowship will complete a detailed proposal outlining the purpose and area of his or her research. The topic should focus on existing or proposed American-based programs that are working toward innovative solutions to social justice issues, particularly but not limited to issues relating to poverty, and most specifically homelessness, hunger, or asset preservation for those at the poverty level. The substance of the applicant’s day-to-day work need not comprise the specific topic of the applicant’s ultimate research. However, the applicant’s research topic for the Fellowship should overlap substantially with the mission and work of the organization. The applicant should contact and receive authorization from an organization partner with whom they will work. Upon selection as recipient of the Fellowship, the student will receive \$4000 of the stipend.

Upon returning to Fordham after the summer, the recipient will prepare a paper of publishable quality, and work with the editorial board of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* to make sure that the written paper meets the standards of the Journal. Upon presentation of this paper, the recipient will receive the balance of the award. The recipient will also make himself or herself available to speak at a lunchtime series program, sponsored by the Feerick Center, about his or her research.

In selecting topics, students are required to confer with members of the Fordham Law Faculty who might serve as mentors or advisors on their research projects. Faculty members associated with the Feerick Center, including Professors Byrne, Galacatos, Cooper, Feerick, and Solimene, are all knowledgeable about such topics and may be available to assist interested applicants.

The McMahon Fellowship is named in honor and memory of the Rev. George J. McMahon, S.J., a Jesuit priest who served at Fordham for almost 40 years. He was the Vice President for Lincoln Center and was a friend, confidant and spiritual advisor to the Law School community, faculty, students and alumni. He loved Fordham and all who were associated with it. He is referred to as “Father Fordham.” He also had served as Dean of Fordham College at Rose Hill. The Residence Hall at Lincoln Center is named in his honor.

Interested applicants may contact this year's fellow, Rodrigo Bacus, at rbacus@law.fordham.edu.

- Name: _____
- Address/Phone: _____
Year/Division: _____
- On a separate sheet, describe the project (in 250 words or less) for which you seek funding.
- **If you receive the George J. McMahon, S.J./ULJ Fellowship, you are required to submit a paper of publishable quality to the *ULJ*, with the intention of publishing the completed work.** Do you expect that the project will result in a publication or other scholarly contribution to the field of urban law? If so, please describe the anticipated contribution.

- If the project involves an internship, clerkship, etc., attach a letter from the person/institution with whom/which you will be associated, stating its acceptance of, or permission for, the proposed project.
- Please attach a resume and a copy of your current transcript. If not set forth on your resume, describe your interest and involvement in urban law on a separate sheet.
- Itemize the expenses you expect to incur for the project and state how much you will receive from any other funding source(s) (other than yourself or relatives).

- Do you receive financial aid from Fordham? _____. Do you authorize the Fordham Law School Financial Aid Office to communicate, in general terms, the degree of your financial need to the fellowship selection committee? _____. Financial aid information may be requested by the selection committee only with respect to finalists.
- Will you apply for admission to another law school as a transfer student this summer? _____
- Please attach any other information you deem relevant.
- Upon return from his/her fellowship-related travels, the George J. McMahon, S.J./ULJ Fellow (the "Fellow") will be required to do the following:
 - Contact Dean Robert J. Reilly of the Feerick Center for Social Justice and Dispute Resolution and the Writing and Research Editor of the *ULJ* ("WRE");
 - Provide a written report of his/her research to a special committee of the law school, composed of the *ULJ* alumni panel, the *ULJ* Editor-in-Chief, the Managing Editor, and the WRE, and to comply with other requests of the committee; and
 - Conduct an oral presentation of his/her experience at a fall luncheon, sponsored by the Feerick Center for Social Justice.

With respect to publication of his/her piece in the *ULJ*, the Fellow will work with the WRE throughout the Fall 2015 semester. The WRE will outline the *ULJ*'s publication requirements and provide guidance throughout the publication process. The Fellow will adhere to the following general timeline (unless the WRE determines otherwise):

- Outline of the Fellow's paper/Note is due in September;
- Draft of the Fellow's paper/Note is due in October; and
- Final draft of the Fellow's paper/Note is due by the end of the Fall 2015 term.

The Fellow will be required to return the entire amount of the Fellowship award to the ULJ/the Feerick Center if (i) he/she transfers to another school, (ii) withdraws from Fordham, or (iii) does NOT submit a publishable paper to the ULJ within six months from the date on which he/she returns from the fellowship-related travels. The publication requirement in (iii), above, will be deemed satisfied if the ULJ, acting in its sole discretion, submits the paper to another Fordham Law School journal for consideration for publication, and the paper is subsequently published. The Fellow agrees to cooperate with the ULJ in such submission process and if the piece is accepted by another journal, the Fellow will comply with such journal's publication standards.

Additionally, the Fellow may be required to enroll in an independent study during the Fall 2015 semester.

Please sign below, thereby representing that the information you are providing is true and accurate, and that you agree to the conditions set forth herein.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION

Deadline: Applications must be received in the ULJ office (LL-128, EIC Mailbox) by 5 p.m. by Monday, March 16, 2015. Please note that applications will be considered on a rolling basis and therefore it is best to submit applications as soon as possible.

Application Requirements:

- 6 copies of your application;
- Resume and current transcript;
- Brief statement regarding your interest in urban law;
- 250-word topic proposal, including a project description developed in consultation with a sponsoring organization and a faculty member. The description should describe the social justice issue to be investigated and why it is significant and how the student’s project will cover the issue. The proposal should include information about the sponsoring organization, and a letter or email from the partnering organization acknowledging its role;
- Proposed budget;
- Commitment letters from people who will mentor you during your time in an urban center, grant you interviews, and/or from any group with which you will be affiliated (i.e., NGOs or academic institutions, but not from an employer); and
- Supporting documents.
- If an interview is required you will be contacted by the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*.

The George J. McMahon, S.J./ULJ Fellowship (the “Fellowship”) should reflect the values and goals of the Fordham Law School Feerick Center for Social Justice and Dispute Resolution (the “Feerick Center”). As a result, the proposals should involve issues concerning urban law relating to social justice including, homelessness, poverty, and hunger. For more information on the Feerick Center, please visit its website at <http://law.fordham.edu/feerick-center/feerickcenter.htm>.

Depending upon the student’s proposed budget, he or she may receive up to \$5,000. A panel consisting of the ULJ alumni (working in cooperation with the ULJ board) will select the Fellowship recipient. Upon his/her return from the Fellowship-related travels, the Fellow will be required to submit a report on his/her research, conduct an oral presentation at a Feerick Center luncheon, and write a note or a comment based on that report during the Fall 2015 term for publication in the *ULJ*, in compliance with its publication requirements.

For questions or concerns, please contact Lauren Irby at editor-in-chief@urbanlawjournal.com.