Finn International Summer Fellowship

“Don’t wait too long to experience things outside of the place you live, the people you know, where you work.”
– Mike Finn

Summary
The Finn International Summer Fellowship (the “Finn Summer Fellowship”) was established in 2015 by the empowering philanthropy of Mike and Janet Finn who have been longstanding partners in the public interest training and global service visions of the Moritz College of Law. The recently launched Public Service Law Center at Moritz was made possible due to Mr. and Mrs. Finn’s generosity. Now, through the Finn Summer Fellowship, the College is able to expose law students who possess a demonstrated interest in international service to the realities of law in a complex global society – providing financial support for a summer training and educational experience in an international setting. We expect the fellow’s summer service to impact the world and shape the fellow’s own professional development. In addition, we hope that the summer fellowship will potentially launch a post-graduate career in international service through the yearlong Finn Post-Graduate Fellowship.

About the Fellowship
The Finn Summer Fellowship enables three Moritz J.D. students to devote eight to ten weeks to public interest summer training and legal service outside of the United States. A one-time non-renewable stipend of $7,000 is provided. The Fellow is responsible for researching any tax ramifications.

Applicant Eligibility
Applicants must be concluding their first or second year at Moritz and in good academic standing. Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to public interest legal work. This interest and commitment may be demonstrated through their prior public service experience, personal essays, recommendations, extracurricular activities, law school course work, academic achievements, and future work plans. Applicants must exhibit maturity and a professional demeanor appropriate for placement.

Qualifying Work
Eligible fields of work include, but are not limited to: Law and Development; Human Rights; Gender Equity; Environmental Law; Transitional Justice; and Peace, Stability and Democracy.

Fellows must complete their public interest training and legal service under the supervision of an attorney between the months of May and August. Eligible placement organizations include non-profit, non-governmental organizations, charitable organizations, international organizations, international courts, and other appropriate entities. Placements based outside of the United States are strongly preferred. In certain exceptions, the Finn Fellowship can be awarded to applicants with placements in international organizations inside the United States, if the Finn Fellowship Committee decides that the placement would mainly cover international legal issues.

Securing a Placement
Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to explore possibilities and to discuss their proposals with the Assistant Dean of International & Graduate Affairs prior to submission; however, the process of securing a qualifying summer placement is the responsibility of the fellowship candidate. If more than one placement offer is available, the applicant should rank them in order of preference and clearly mark them on their application materials.
Some resources for researching organizations and opportunities are:
UN and intergovernmental organizations (http://unjobs.org/organizations)
The Public Service Jobs Directory (www.psjd.org)
ABA Rule of Law Initiative Job Opportunities Abroad (http://www.americanbar.org/advocacy/rule_of_law/opportunities.html)
Global Jobs (https://globaljobs.org/)
Human Rights Jobs (http://www.humanrightsjobs.com/)
Human Rights Resource Center (http://hrusa.org/field/joblinks.shtm)
South Centre in Geneva (http://www.southcentre.int/work-opportunities/)
Comprehensive List of International Organizations (http://sfsgcc.georgetown.edu/work/organizations)
European Affairs Job Site (http://www.eurobrussels.com/)
USAID Jobs (https://www.usaid.gov/careers/)
Equal Justice Works (http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/)
NGO jobs (among others) (www.idealist.org)

Application Deadline
Applications are due electronically via Symplicity on or before March 1 by noon (12:00pm).

Application Requirements
- Essay of two pages (max.) describing professional goals and how the specific fellowship placement would help the applicant achieve those goals. The essay should include details about applicant’s interest or commitment to learning and service work in an international setting.
- A resume.
- A law school transcript.
- A list of two references with complete contact information. Moritz faculty members can serve as references.
- A letter from any committed sponsoring organization(s) sent directly to the Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs (fernandez.214@osu.edu) outlining:
  - Commitment to placing the Fellow
  - Statement certifying that the applicant will not be receiving additional pay (in addition to the fellowship award) directly from the organization
  - Organizational vision, mission and/or objective statements
  - A summary of current activities
  - How hosting a fellow will enable the organization to further its mission and meet relevant needs
  - The nature of its commitment to hosting a fellow and plans for supervision
  - Any resources that may be available for mentorship and professional development

Decision Timeline
The Committee may require interviews. The Finn Summer Fellowship Committee will announce decisions at the end of March.

Fellow Reporting Requirements
The fellow will be required to submit a final report within 30 days of the end of the fellowship about the experience, the work done, any recommendations, and whether the fellow would recommend that organization for future placements.

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