



Verizon & NJ LEEP 2022-2023 Law Student Fellowship

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

NJ LEEP is a college access and success program for low-income and first-generation students from the greater Newark area. NJ LEEP currently serves 85 middle school students, 140 high school students, 120 college students, and more than 250 family members annually. We help students perform at high academic levels by building skills through law-related and other educational programs, developing the habits necessary for college success and community leadership, and offering exposure to colleges, careers, and role models who have achieved professional success. NJ LEEP's model is challenging and rigorous and prepares NJ LEEP program graduates for success in college. NJ LEEP strives to be a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization. We are committed to anti-racist principles and are actively engaged in the work of those principles, including staff trainings and creating space for dialogue around race and identity for both staff and students. For more information about our work, please go to www.njleep.org.

Verizon powers America's fastest and most reliable 4G LTE network. We're also leading the way in cloud and security solutions, Internet of Things and video entertainment. Technology moves fast and so do we. We believe that bringing great ideas and customer experiences to life should be recognized and rewarded. Whether you think in code, words, pictures or numbers, find your future at Verizon.

POSITION OVERVIEW

NJ LEEP and Verizon seek exceptional law students for the 2022-2023 Verizon & NJ LEEP Fellowship. Fellows will work with NJ LEEP for 10 weeks during summer 2022 and with Verizon for the fall 2022 or spring 2023 semester (fall or spring semester will be determined by Verizon and Fellow; Fellows can also choose to work both semesters and be paid for both if their schedule allows). Work with Verizon will be primarily remote with possible opportunities to work at Verizon Headquarters. This is a wonderful opportunity for a law student to learn about public interest law and corporate pro bono work. The Fellow will work directly with a Commercial Product Attorney who also supports Verizon's worldwide Pro Bono program.

Summer 2022

The Fellow will coordinate and teach NJ LEEP's Summer Law Institute (SLI). The current plan is for this program to be in person for summer 2022 in Newark. SLI seeks to inspire motivated students from underserved communities entering high school to pursue careers in law and to strive for educational excellence. Students from Newark and surrounding communities will be selected for the program, which includes a curriculum that incorporates criminal law, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy topics, guest speakers, field trips, and culminates with a mock trial competition in front of sitting NJ judges.

The summer placement lasts from June 6th to August 12th. Fellows will work directly with NJ LEEP's Legal Education Manager, who runs our law-related education programming. Fellows will prepare for SLI in June by participating in a training program that covers educational methodology and the development of lesson plans on substantive criminal law topics and trial advocacy skills. From July 5th to August 5th the Fellows will implement the five-week SLI and teach daily law lessons to approximately 40 rising 9th graders, fulfilling the objectives of the SLI through a set schedule of classes and events.

Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

The Verizon Fellowship will include some initial training and onboarding during summer 2022. During the fall or spring semester, the Fellows will work with Verizon approximately one day (eight hours) a week. As noted above, Fellows may elect to work a full year (two semesters) with Verizon. All work will be done remotely unless Verizon indicates a return to office plan for fall 2022 and/or spring 2023. This is a terrific opportunity for a law student to learn about pro bono law. Fellows will have the opportunity to work with Verizon attorneys to assist them with pro bono projects. As Verizon and NJ LEEP have programming together throughout the year, Fellows also may be asked by Verizon to work with and support NJ LEEP staff and students on various projects. 2022-2023 Fellows who are 1Ls will be encouraged to apply for Verizon's 2L summer internship program for summer 2023.

Compensation and Logistics

The Verizon & NJ LEEP Fellows will receive a stipend of \$9,375 for the year. If the Fellow works for both semesters for Verizon, they will receive an additional \$3,125. If Fellows do not have reliable transportation to Basking Ridge for any potential days in the office, there is a Verizon shuttle from New York City as well as a shuttle from the Summit, NJ train station, accessible via NJ Transit. 1Ls and 2Ls are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

Interested applicants should complete an employment application [online](#) and follow directions in the application for submitting a resume and cover letter. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Due to the volume of applications, only applicants selected for an interview will receive a response.

NJ LEEP is an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring and dedicated to diversity in our staff. We strongly encourage candidates from all groups and communities to apply. NJ LEEP does not discriminate based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital or family status, veteran status or disability.