



Verizon & NJ LEEP 2024-2025 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 middle school students, high school students, college students, and family members. 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 is one of the largest communication technology companies in the world that is dedicated to building the networks that move the world forward. The company offers voice, data and video services and solutions on its award-winning networks and platforms, delivering on customers' demand for mobility, reliable network connectivity, security and control. If you want to drive meaningful change in your career and the world, join the V-Team who is doing it every day.

POSITION OVERVIEW

NJ LEEP and Verizon seek exceptional law students for the 2024-2025 Verizon & NJ LEEP Fellowship. Fellows will work with NJ LEEP for 10 weeks during summer 2024 and with Verizon for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters. 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 2024

The Fellows will coordinate and teach NJ LEEP's Summer Law Institute (SLI) which will take place in person for summer 2024 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. NJ LEEP students from Newark and surrounding communities matriculate into the Summer Law Institute. While enrolled, students engage with topics in criminal law, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy; guest speakers also provide students with insights into the legal landscape, and students attend field trips. The program culminates in a mock trial competition before sitting NJ judges.

The summer placement lasts from June 3rd to August 9th. 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 NJ LEEP's educational methodology and the development of lesson plans on substantive criminal law topics and trial advocacy skills. From July 1st to August 1st the Fellows will implement the five-week SLI and teach daily law-related lessons to approximately 40 rising 9th graders, fulfilling the objectives of the SLI through a set schedule of classes and events. In-person classes take place Monday-Thursday, with Friday serving as a remote instructional preparation day with no student programming.

Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

The Verizon Fellowship will include some initial training and onboarding with Verizon during summer 2024. During the fall and spring semesters, the Fellows will work with Verizon approximately one day (eight hours) a week. Most work will be done remotely with the opportunity to report to Verizon's New Jersey office on select days. 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. 2024-2025 Fellows who are 1Ls will be encouraged to apply for Verizon's 2L summer internship program for summer 2025.

Compensation and Logistics

The Verizon & NJ LEEP Fellows will receive a stipend of \$13,750 for the year (\$750/week for the summer and \$6,250 for the year). 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.