**CONSUMER PROTECTION FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY – 2022/2023 academic year**

The University of Oregon’s Consumer Protection Research Fund will be hiring one or two Student Fellows for the 2022/2023 academic year to organize programming relating to consumer protection research in Oregon.  Such programming might include panels, CLE, roundtable discussions, educational materials, community engagement, and social media outreach.  The fellowship program is open to rising 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLM students through a competitive application process.  Students from both the Eugene and Portland campuses are eligible to apply.

The funding for the program came about through a 2014 jury trial in the case of *Scharfstein v. BP West Coast Product*, where the plaintiffs alleged that more than two million consumers in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest were charged an unauthorized transaction fee at the gas pump. The case resulted in a large jury verdict, and some of the remaining unclaimed funds were awarded to the University of Oregon for consumer protection research.

**FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS**

The Consumer Protection Fellow(s) will engage with researchers at the University of Oregon to organize lunchtime panel and individual presentations throughout the academic year.  The Student Fellows will also organize CLEs for law practitioners and will partner with other UO departments to co-sponsor presentations on various topics of interest.  Students may also assist in the administering an annual grant award process at the University of Oregon.

Fellowships are for one year and will involve approximately 40-80 hours of work per term, depending on the fellow’s availability.  Fellows may re-apply each April of subsequent years, but re-appointment is not automatic. Fellowships are awarded on the basis of student interest and engagement in the subject matter, experience, and academic merit.

The positions will receive financial support on a per hour worked basis.

The rates may be updated for Fall 2022:

* 2L: $14.25
* 3L & LLM $15.25

Student fellows will be supervised by Professor Elizabeth Tippett, who chairs the Consumer Protection Research Grant Fund, as well as the Oregon Law staff administering the program.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply for a Consumer Protection fellowship, rising 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLM students must submit an application, described below, to the Program Manager, Debbie Thurman dthurman@uoregon.edu by **3:00 p.m., on May 31, 2022.**

If you have questions regarding the logistics, please contact Debbie by email.

If possible, please send all documents in a single email.  Label the documents by using your last and then first name.

1. Cover Letter.  Please describe your interest in consumer protection and suggestions for ways to help cultivate consumer protection research at the University of Oregon; foster connections across departments engaged in such research; engage and educate practitioners in this area; and engage the broader community in consumer protection efforts.  Please describe how you would add value to the effort.  Please also describe any relevant experience in organizing panel presentations and roundtable discussions, drafting social media content, and/or organizing community outreach efforts.

1. current resume;

1. law school transcript (unofficial is fine);

1. a list of current commitments (work, volunteer or paid, committees, student group membership and/or law review) and a description of likely availability in the Fall and Spring semesters.

1. Work study eligibility (not required, but please disclose whether you have work study funding available).