OREGON LAW COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Oregon Law Commission (OLC) is offering a 2L or 3L fellowship through a competitive application process. Students from both Eugene and Portland campuses are eligible to apply.

The Oregon Law Commission was created in 1997 by the Oregon Legislative Assembly to conduct a continuous program of law revision, reform, and improvement. The Legislative Assembly recognized the need for a distinguished body of knowledgeable and respected individuals to undertake law revision projects requiring a long-term commitment and an impartial approach. The Commission serves the citizens of Oregon by assisting the legislature, executive agencies and judiciary by keeping the law up to date through proposed law reform bills, administrative rules and written policy analysis. The Commission is composed of fifteen Commissioners and housed at University of Oregon School of Law. Oregon Law facilitates law student and faculty participation in support of the Commission’s work.

FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS

To further the Oregon Law Commission’s mission, Fellows will provide research, engage with work groups on various topics and assist with writing legislative history and group reports as needed. Fellows will have the opportunity to attend work group and legislative committee meetings during the course of the Fellowship. Fellows will be given a unique opportunity to participate in the legislative process from the ground up, participating in the bill drafting process and assisting the OLC Director to ensure that bills are approved during the committee process and by both houses of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

- Fellowships are for one year and may include up to 40 hours per semester time commitment. The hours are flexible. Fellows may re-apply each April of subsequent years, but re-appointment is not automatic. Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, legal research ability, and demonstrated interest in public policy, the legislative process and government.

- Students are welcome to apply to multiple fellowship programs. In general, a student cannot accept an OLC Fellowship and a fellowship offer from another program with concurrent time commitments. In exceptional circumstances, it may be possible for the OLC fellow to accept another fellowship with concurrent commitments when OLC staff determines that a concurrent fellowship is in the best interest of the program.

- The positions will receive financial support on a per hour worked basis. Workstudy is required.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
To apply for an OLC fellowship, rising 2Ls and 3Ls must submit an application by email, described below, to the Oregon Law Commission Coordinator, Debbie Thurman dthurman@uoregon.edu by 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 5th.

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

(1) cover letter to describe interest areas and experience;
(2) current resume;
(3) law school transcript (unofficial is fine);
(4) a list of leadership roles and/or professional law employment or legislative experience;
(5) a recommendation from a law professor to address research and writing expertise;
(6) a list of current commitments (work, volunteer or paid, committees, student group membership and/or law review);
(7) proof of workstudy.