



## **Marquette Law School PILS Summer Fellowships Host Site Information**

### **What is a PILS Summer Fellowship?**

The Public Interest Law Society (PILS) at Marquette Law School has offered PILS Summer Fellowships for more than 30 years. These fellowships support law students who work in public interest legal roles serving individuals or communities facing barriers to equal access to justice.

Fellows complete 350 hours of legal work between mid-May and mid-August and receive a \$4,800 stipend funded by the Public Interest Law Society and Marquette Law School.

### **What qualifies as a host site?**

Eligible host organizations must provide work that:

- Serves underserved individuals, groups, communities, or causes
- Promotes social justice or improves access to justice
- Is primarily legal in nature and supervised by a licensed attorney

Examples of qualifying placements include:

- Civil legal aid organizations
- Government agencies serving individuals
- Public defender or prosecutor offices
- Military JAG offices

Judicial internships or positions in for-profit law firms are not eligible.

### **What are the host site's responsibilities?**

Host organizations agree to:

- Provide substantive legal work and mentorship
- Ensure supervision by a licensed attorney
- Collaborate with the student to develop a clear description of duties and goals for the summer that will meet the student's hour requirement

### **How do students find host sites? (How do host sites find students?)**

Students commonly find a PILS fellowship host site through:

- The Wisconsin Public Interest Interview Program (WiPIIP), a joint recruiting event connecting public interest employers with law students.
  - o If you have not participated in WiPIIP, fill out [this form](#) to indicate your interest.
  - o WiPIIP takes place in early February.

- Symplicity job postings
  - o Learn about Symplicity and how to post your opportunity on the Marquette Law School Career Planning Center [website](#).
- Public interest job boards such as PSJD.
  - o Learn more about PSJD on their [website](#).
- Ask the Marquette Law School Office of Public Service to circulate a job posting to the Public Interest Law Society members. Email [publicinterestlaw@marquette.edu](mailto:publicinterestlaw@marquette.edu) with the job description and instructions about how a student can apply.
- Pro bono interaction with students during the academic year.

Organizations are welcome to recruit prospective fellows through any (or all) of these channels.

Indicate in the job description whether the position is paid or unpaid.

**Where and how does a student apply for a PILS fellowship?**

A fellowship FAQ and the fellowship application materials are available on the Marquette Law School website: <https://law.marquette.edu/community/apply-pils-fellowship>

Ideally, a student will have accepted an offer from an eligible PILS fellowship host site before submitting their PILS fellowship application. However, a student may submit a fellowship application without having secured a host site and can update the PILS fellowship selection committee about their progress securing a site even after the fellowship deadline has passed.

**Timeline Overview**

January	Students begin thinking about summer opportunities. Host sites circulate opportunities.
Early February	WiPIIP takes place, host sites make offers.
Mid-February	PILS hosts an annual networking event at Marquette Law School called “PILS & Possibilities.”  <i>If you have not yet participated in this event, email <a href="mailto:publicservicelaw@marquette.edu">publicservicelaw@marquette.edu</a> to be added to the list of organizations invited each year.</i>
Early March	Student fellowship applications are due.
Late March / Early April	PILS Fellowship awards are announced.
May to August	Fellows complete 350 hours of public interest legal work at their host site.
November	PILS students hold their annual PILS Giving Challenge Days to raise funds for future fellowships. The two-day challenge culminates with the PILS Giving Dinner at Marquette Law School.

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