QLaw Foundation of Washington

2021 Sher Kung Summer Fellowship (stipend included)

QLaw Foundation of Washington is currently accepting law student applications for the 2021 Sher Kung Summer Fellowship. This fellowship provides opportunities for client contact, community outreach and education, legal research, and legal services program development. **This position can be fully performed remotely.**

About QLaw Foundation of Washington:

QLaw Foundation of Washington promotes the dignity and respect of LGBTQ+ Washingtonians within the legal system through advocacy, education, and legal assistance. QLaw Foundation offers several free legal clinics every month centered around the core value that LGBTQ+ communities are entitled to access knowledgeable, culturally competent legal providers in a welcoming and affirming setting. Additionally, QLaw Foundation provides second parent adoptions, parentage confirmation orders, and other legal pleadings to secure legal parental rights for LGBTQ+ families through its Family Matters legal clinic. QLaw Foundation also works to empower LGBTQ+ communities through providing skills-based community legal education and providing spaces for communities and legal services providers to build relationships, share knowledge, and organize together. For more information, please review our website at www.qlawfoundation.org.

About the Sher Kung Summer Fellowship

The Sher Kung Summer Fellow will provide core support to the LGBTQ+ Legal Clinics, including conducting intake and screening interviews, scheduling clients, researching legal issues to support volunteer attorneys, conducting case assessment interviews, and drafting community outreach materials. All interns will also have the opportunity to create a self-guided project; e.g., an advocacy memo, self-help packet, informational video, Know Your Rights postcard, or training.

The Summer Fellow will also provide core support to the Family Matters legal clinic, including community outreach to LGBTQ+ families, training and coordinating attorney volunteers, provide legal advice, document drafting, and courtroom appearances for second parent adoptions, parentage confirmation orders, and other family law needs, as well as drafting community outreach materials.

<u>Hours</u>: Work hours are typically Monday-Friday,10am-6pm, though some evening and weekend hours are available for legal clinic support. The intern must work 10 weeks in coordination with the academic calendar. Unfortunately we cannot support partial-summer or part time interns.

Compensation: QLaw Foundation provides a stipend of \$8,500 for the summer.

Qualifications: Rule 9 status is helpful but not required. **Bilingual and multilingual students are especially encouraged to apply.** Our organization is friendly, inclusive, and centers clients and community relationships. QLaw Foundation welcomes applicants who are queer and trans, black, indigenous, or people of color (QTPOC/BIPOC), immigrants, undocumented, parents, disabled, or otherwise marginalized, and welcomes applicants with organizing experience, non-legal work experience, and/or personal experience with legal systems. QLaw Foundation does not weigh GPA in its application process.

<u>To apply:</u> Please send a resume and cover letter detailing the experience, skills, or other qualifications that lead you to pursue community-centered legal services. Please include any experience you may already have with client contact, community outreach, and describe your relationship with LGBTQ+ communities.

Application Deadline: QLaw Foundation will begin the selecting candidates for interview on February 24, 2021, but will accept applications until the position is filled. Please address your application materials to Denise Diskin, Executive Director at denise@qlawfoundation.org. We look forward to working with you!