

WHAT is the Field Placement Program?

- The Field Placement Program (“Program”) provides law students an opportunity to earn academic credit for legal externships with judicial, government, and non-profit organizations.
- Student Externs are directly supervised by a practicing attorney and/or judge.
- Student Externs also benefit from the guidance of GW Law adjunct faculty who teach the mandatory corequisite courses that complement their externship experience.

WHY should I participate in the Field Placement Program?

Participating in the Program means you can:

- Gain practical legal experience that will add bullet points to your resume and immediately increase your marketability (regardless of your GPA)
- Develop substantive skills in areas such as legal research and writing, client counseling, interviewing, investigation and oral presentation
- Learn what it is really like to be an attorney in a real practice setting
- Expand your professional network and make important connections that can assist you throughout your career
- Connect what you’re learning at your externship with the academic/classroom knowledge you are learning in Law School
- Take advantage of the unique opportunities that are only available in D.C., such as: The Department of Justice; American Civil Liberties Union; House and Senate Judiciary Committees; Department of State; Securities and Exchange Commission; White House Office of Legal Counsel; Federal Communications Commission; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; World Bank; Smithsonian; National Wildlife Federation; World Organization for Human Rights; Public Defender Services; National Public Radio; Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights; and Judges from DC Superior Court, DC Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court for DC, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Court of Federal Claims*

WHO can participate in the Field Placement Program?

- JD students who have successfully completed the law school's full-time first-year curriculum
- LLM students

WHEN can I participate in the Field Placement Program?

- Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters

HOW do I register for the Field Placement Program?

- Field Placement registration opens a few weeks before the start of a semester.
- Field Placement Registration Forms will be posted to the Program’s Portal page.

WHERE can I find more information about the Field Placement?

- GW Law Portal (my.law.gwu.edu) → Department Info → Field Placement Program
- Website: <https://www.law.gwu.edu/field-placement>
- fieldplacement@law.gwu.edu | (202) 994-5184

**For a more comprehensive list of past Field Placement Employers, please see our [Portal Page](#)*