

## ABF Doctoral Fellowships Program in Law & Inequality

***Applications for the ABF Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Inequality for the 2020-21 academic year are now open.***

**NEW Deadline:** February 15, 2020

### **Purpose**

Pending budgetary approval, The American Bar Foundation (ABF) will support one pre-doctoral fellowship. The ABF is committed to developing the next generation of scholars in the field of law and social science. The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage original and significant empirical and interdisciplinary research on the study of law and inequality.

### **Awards**

Fellows will receive a stipend of \$35,000 per year for up to two academic years (24 months). Doctoral fellows should retain benefits, including healthcare, through their home institution. Fellows will also have access to a modest research account to reimburse expenses associated with research, travel to meet with advisors, or travel to conferences at which papers are presented. Reasonable relocation expenses may be reimbursed on application.

### **Tenure**

Fellowships are awarded for up to 24 months, beginning September 1, 2020.

### **Conditions**

Fellowships are held *in residence* at the ABF. Appointments to fellowships are full time. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the academic life of the ABF so that they may develop close collegial ties with ABF faculty and other scholars in residence.

### **Qualifications**

Applications are invited from outstanding students who are candidates for Ph.D. degrees and who have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation by September 1, 2020. Doctoral research must be in the general area of socio-legal studies or involve social scientific approaches to the law, legal institutions, legal processes, or social justice. The research must address significant issues in the field and show promise of a major contribution to social scientific understanding of law and inequality. Students from underrepresented minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Non-U.S. nationals are welcome to apply; however, we do not have the institutional capacity to sponsor visas through the Department of Homeland Security.

### **How to Apply**

Please submit all material through this URL: <http://apply.interfolio.com/69184>

Applicants must include:

- (1) 1-2 page cover letter of application, including a statement of how the research project intersects with law and inequality;
- (2) a curriculum vitae;
- (3) a dissertation abstract or proposal with an outline of the substance and methods of the research;
- (4) names and contact information of 3 referees that we may contact if appropriate, one of whom should be the applicant's dissertation chairperson; and
- (5) a writing sample, reflective of a candidate's best work and appropriate to a candidate's discipline; and

**(6) a Diversity Statement, not more than two pages, highlighting demonstrated and planned efforts to promote diversity and equity through their research, life experience, or other work.**

If you have questions about the application process or the position, please direct inquiries to [fellowships@abfn.org](mailto:fellowships@abfn.org) with the subject line "ABF Doctoral Fellowship Program in Law & Inequality."