

Resilience Justice Fellowship 2018

Professor Tony Arnold seeks applications for the 2018 Resilience Justice Fellowship. The Fellowship will provide \$9,000, payable in the form of financial aid, to a law student or graduate students to work 900 hours on the Resilience Justice Project in 2018. The Fellowship is paid \$3,000 for each of the Spring, Summer, and Fall terms. The successful Resilience Justice Fellow will work in the Center for Land Use and Environmental Responsibility with Professor Tony Arnold, who directs the Center, and Andrew Schuhmann, a Resilience Justice Fellow who is a dual-degree student in law and urban planning.

The Resilience Justice Project primarily involves assessing public policies, programs, and plans for their impacts on marginalized communities, especially low-income communities of color. These assessments are done for government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community-based groups in Louisville and nationwide, using the Resilience Justice Policy Assessment Tool, which Professor Arnold developed while at UCLA on a grant-funded project. The assessments identify policy reforms that will improve the adaptive capacities and reduce the vulnerabilities of marginalized communities to disturbances/shocks and changing conditions, such as flooding and hurricanes, drought, pollution, heat and fire, housing crises, political instabilities, discrimination, climate change, and the like. The work of the Resilience Justice Project also includes preparing publications about resilience justice, doing in-depth interviews of marginalized community residents and analyzing the interview data, and other related research and public-service projects.

Minimum qualifications for the RJ Fellowship:

1. A law student or graduate student in good academic standing (i.e., not on probation). Will be a student through December 2018 (or later).
2. Transportation and personal mobility for meeting with and interviewing community residents in their neighborhoods.
3. Computer with internet access for email, research, drafting documents, and entering and analyzing data.
4. Commitment and availability to work 900 hours on the RJ Project in 2018 at approximately 20 hours per week in Spring and Fall, and 40 hours per week in the Summer.
5. Positive attitude.
6. High level of responsibility, professionalism, attention to detail, and ability to meet deadlines on time.
7. Ability to work well with others as part of a team.

Preferred qualifications for the RJ Fellowship:

1. Enrolled in at least one of the following in the 2017-2018 academic year: Environmental Law (Fall 2017), Land & Ecosystem Conservation (Fall 2017), Land Use & Planning Law (Spring 2018), or courses in Sustainability or Planning.
2. Experience with qualitative social-science research or public-policy analysis.
3. Experience with diverse and/or marginalized communities.
4. Open to considering a continuation of the Fellowship past December 2018.
5. A broad interdisciplinary perspective.
6. Strong writing skills.
7. Long-term career interest in public policy, public service, sustainability, and/or social justice.

Benefits:

1. \$9,000 fellowship paid as financial aid (\$3,000 in Spring 2018, \$3,000 in Summer 2018, and \$3,000 in Fall 2018).
2. Helping marginalized communities (e.g., low-income communities, communities of color) and reforming public policies and programs. Having a real-world impact with your work.
3. Working on a cutting-edge issue and using a new policy assessment tool that integrates resilience and justice.
4. Getting published as a co-author; also, featured on the Center website.
5. Being part of a team.
6. Mentoring by Professor Arnold.
7. Training; you will learn a lot and develop many practical skills.
8. Contacts, resume value, and recommendations for careers in public policy, public service, sustainability, and/or social justice.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter by email to Professor Tony Arnold at tony.arnold@louisville.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure that they are considered. Applications from applicants from diverse or under-represented groups are encouraged.