



FAQs: “Create Your Own Experience” Internship Stipend

When is my application due? And when will a decision be made?

Applications are due Friday, April 23, 2027. We anticipate notifying recipients in early May.

I have been offered an internship with the District Attorney’s Office. Does that qualify me for this program?

No. While DA office internships are excellent opportunities, our section (APLS) relates to administrative law (which is civil and primarily involves practice before state agencies or court proceedings involving state agency decisions) and public law (which is similar to administrative law but at the local government level, such as with a city or county).

I have been offered an internship with a Court. Am I eligible for this program?

No. While an internship with any court is an excellent opportunity, most courts do not have sufficient administrative or public law-related cases to provide an administrative or public law experience for their interns. However, the 15th Court of Appeals has a large docket of administrative law cases and APLS provides an opportunity for a designated internship in Administrative Law with the 15th Court each year.

I have an internship with a County Judge – does that qualify?

Yes. The county judge in Texas is both presiding officer of the commissioners court and judge of the county court. As such, the judge is often thought of as the chief executive officer of the county. The duties of the county judge vary depending on the population of the county. Internships relating primarily to the county governance side, i.e., that focus on public policy, local government administration, communications, and constituent services, qualify.

What is Administrative Law?

Administrative law is a body of law created by administrative agencies in the form of rules, regulations, orders and decisions to carry out regulatory powers and duties of such agencies. See Administrative Law, BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY (6th ed. 1991). The practice of Administrative law includes:

- **Practice before administrative agencies and courts**
 - State Agencies, SOAH, Travis County District Court, 15th Court of Appeals, Supreme Court
- **Litigating Contested Cases**
 - Motions, Discovery, Expert Witnesses, Cross Examination, Opening and Closing Arguments, Briefing

- **Rulemaking**
 - Advocacy with agency heads and agency staffs
 - Implementation of enacted legislation
- **Open Records and Access to the Public**
 - Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act
 - Public Notice Requirements
- **Licensing, Permitting and other regulatory action**
 - Issuance
 - Enforcement

See generally, <https://www.soah.texas.gov/our-mission>; Texas Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.001-.903.

What is Public Law?

Public law is similar to administrative law but at the local government level, such as with a city or county.

I have been offered an internship with a State Agency, but it is in another city, not Austin. Am I eligible for this program?

Absolutely. The internship can be performed anywhere within the State of Texas as long as it is relevant to public or administrative law.

What Law School Year do I have to be in for this program?

You must be enrolled in law school at the time the applications are due (April 2027) and have completed at least one semester or quarter prior to the application deadline. You also must have completed at least two semesters or quarters before the internship commences.

How can I find an unpaid internship so I can be eligible for this program?

A short list to get you started on your search is found under the student tab of our website.

I have a question not covered in this FAQ – how can I find the answer?

Email adminlaw@adminlaw.org.