

## ACADEMICALLY BASED LAW SCHOOL PIPELINE PROGRAMS

(For research purposes only – please confirm all program details & dates)

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### **For People of Color Conference (FPOC) at various law schools**

This event will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the law school application process. Current law students and administrators will provide advice on how best to navigate the law school application process. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free LSAT courses will be raffled during the event. UCLA School of Law students will review your personal statement and other application materials. (You must attend the conference in order to receive feedback.) If you would like your personal statement reviewed, please send it to [fpocstatements@gmail.com](mailto:fpocstatements@gmail.com).

**Eligibility:** Registration is required.

**Program Dates:** One-day event, day varies per school

**Website Link:** <https://forpeopleofcolor.org/>

**Location:** Varies

### **Pre-Law Summer Institute (PLSI) for American Indians and Alaska Natives, American Indian Law Center, Inc.**

PLSI is an intensive two-month program which prepares American Indian and Alaska Native individuals for the rigors of law school by essentially replicating the first semester of law school. Likened to boot camp by many former participants, the PLSI concentrates its content into eight weeks of instruction, research and study, teaching students the unique methods of law school research, analysis, and writing. The success of the PLSI in providing a nationally respected pre-law orientation can be traced to its original and continuing intent — that it be based on sound legal education principles, and not function as a philosophical, political, or cultural training ground. For more than four decades, the Law Center has remained dedicated to providing valid training in the skills required for the study of law.

**COVID-19:** “We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and how it might affect the PLSI 2020 program. We are concerned for the health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty. For now, we are proceeding with our plans for an in-person PLSI 2020. We will provide updates as necessary.”

**Eligibility:** Any American Indian or Alaska Native who plans to attend law school may benefit greatly from attending the Institute the summer before.

**Program Dates:** approximately May 29-July 24

**Application deadline:** March 20, 2020 (Early application due February 14, 2020)

**Contact:** [nesbitt@ailc-inc.org](mailto:nesbitt@ailc-inc.org), [caveparnell@law.unm.edu](mailto:caveparnell@law.unm.edu), [ailcinfo@law.unm.edu](mailto:ailcinfo@law.unm.edu) or (505) 277-5462

**Website Link:** <https://www.ailc-inc.org/plsi/about/>

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Baruch College – CUNY (Max Berger Pre-Law Program Summer Institute for Alumni and Current Students)**

The **Max Berger Pre-law Summer Institute** (deadline May 1, 2020) offers numerous opportunities to students of all majors interested in preparing for or simply exploring the possibility of a future career in the legal profession. Highlights of the program include individualized pre-law advisement, networking and mentoring, internship opportunities, writing workshops, LSAT Preparation, law school application assistance and experiential learning experiences such as mock trial and moot court. In addition, high achieving freshman, sophomore, and juniors currently enrolled are encouraged to apply to participate in the **Max Berger Pre-Law Fellows Program**, a comprehensive law school preparatory program geared towards training Baruch College students to gain admission to the nation's top law schools (deadline April 23, 2020). In addition, current students are encouraged to apply for the **Max Berger Pre-Law Unpaid Internship Stipend Program** which provides financial assistance to current Baruch College undergraduate students who complete an unpaid legal internship with a public sector (i.e. government or non-profit) legal employer while encouraging them to develop their professional and educational goals through programs offered by the Max Berger Pre Law Program at Baruch College (Spring deadline 12/13/2019; Summer deadline 5/7/2020; Fall deadline 9/3/2020). Lastly, students may apply for the **Max Berger Pre-Law LSAT Reimbursement Program** which provides financial support for current students and recent graduates who have taken a commercial LSAT preparation course (Application due within 60 days of receiving LSAT score).

**Eligibility:** Baruch College Alumni & current students with an interest in learning more about law school and the admissions process

**Program Dates:** January 6-10, 2020

**Application deadline:** May 1, 2018, send by mail only (no email submissions)

**Contact:** Tina Coco, Pre-law Advisor at [tina.coco@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:tina.coco@baruch.cuny.edu) or 646.312.4693.

**Website Link:** [http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/careers/law/law\\_activities.html](http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/careers/law/law_activities.html)

**Location:** New York, New York

**Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program**

The DiscoverLaw.org Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program establishes a supportive learning community that encourages college students to reach for success and provides a foundational understanding for students seeking to become a lawyer. The five-week residential program will: develop academic principles to prepare students to be successful in upper division and furthermore, professional school; introduce students to professional development skills necessary to be an attorney; and encourage students to serve their community and demonstrate how to use their skills effectively.

**COVID-19:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Eligibility:** Targeted, but not restricted to, college students from underrepresented groups; currently enrolled college students with at least 24 units but no more than 72 units completed; and minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.

**Program Dates:** TBA

**Application Deadline:** TBA

**Contact:** Allison Takeda at [takeda@chapman.edu](mailto:takeda@chapman.edu) or 714.628.2515 or [lawplus@chapman.edu](mailto:lawplus@chapman.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://chapman.edu/law/lawplus/index.aspx>

**Location:** Orange, California

### **The University of Alabama School of Law, Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program**

The University of Alabama Pre-law Undergraduate Scholars program (“PLUS”) offers a unique and unforgettable experience for college students who are interested in the legal profession. During the four-week program, The University of Alabama PLUS Scholars will be enrolled in several core courses which combine lecture, guest speakers and visits to law offices and courts. Students will also network with practicing lawyers, judicial representatives and law school admissions and career counselors. The rigorous curriculum, application and admissions training, and professional and personal development opportunities will help position students from diverse groups to compete for admissions to, enroll in, and thrive during law school.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Eligibility:** This program targets college students who have just completed either their first or second year with at least a 2.5 GPA.

**Program Dates:** May 31- June 26

**Application Deadline:** March 31

**Contact:** Program Director Brandi A. Russell at [brussell@law.ua.edu](mailto:brussell@law.ua.edu) or (205) 348-7945

**Website Link:** <https://www.law.ua.edu/diversity/pre-law-undergraduate-scholars-plus/>

**Location:** Tuscaloosa, Alabama

### **Duke University School of Law, Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program**

The [DiscoverLaw.org](https://discoverlaw.org) Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program at Duke Law School is a 4-week residential program held on the campus of Duke University that aims to introduce talented rising college sophomores and juniors to the study of law and to the legal profession. The program targets students from colleges and universities in the Southeast region of the United States with a focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. As a leading law school in the South, Duke considers the program a significant opportunity to encourage larger numbers of students in the region to not only consider law school but to be prepared to pursue it successfully. While the program is targeted primarily to first- and second-year students of color, we will also seek to include first-generation college students.

**COVID-19:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Eligibility:** The PLUS Program is open to students who have completed their freshman or sophomore years at four-year colleges and universities, technical colleges and community colleges. Eligible students will have completed between 24 and 60 credits by the start of the PLUS Program. The program focuses on attracting promising students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, first generation college students and those from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, as well as students facing other significant barriers to entering the legal profession. Preference is given to students who have signed up for [DiscoverLaw.org](https://www.discoverlaw.org).

**Program Dates:** May 31 – June 26

**Application Deadline:** March 16

**Contact:** Program Director Ebony Bryant at [dlpp@law.duke.edu](mailto:dlpp@law.duke.edu) or (919) 613-7002

**Website Link:** <https://law.duke.edu/plusprogram/>

**Location:** Durham, North Carolina

### **Charles Hamilton Houston Scholars Program (CHHSP), University of Baltimore School of Law**

The CHHSP program provides each participating scholar with an opportunity to form a mentoring relationship with a member of the Baltimore City legal community and to experience the practice of law through “At the Bar” Chats (round-table discussions with successful minority attorneys), Law Path Experiences (guest speakers from the legal profession) and mini-internships at law firms and other legal institutions. The program focuses on the challenges often faced by minority students who may not have had or have utilized the social, experiential and cultural capital that facilitates success and enhances confidence. A weekly workshop—designed and conducted by experts in this field—also helps empower students to meet and overcome these challenges.

**Eligibility:** Candidates who have completed their freshmen or sophomore years of college are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate leadership ability and active involvement in their schools and communities. It is not necessary to have prior experience or knowledge in the field of law. Candidates must be US citizens or permanent residents to be eligible.

### **WEBSITE HASN'T BEEN UPDATED SINCE 2018, SO NOT SURE IF PROGRAM IS STILL RUNNING**

**Program Dates:** May 29 – June 8, 2018

**Application Deadline:** May 11, 2018

**Contact:** [chhsp@ubalt.edu](mailto:chhsp@ubalt.edu)

**Website Link:** <http://law.ubalt.edu/admissions/diversity/chhsp/>

**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

### **Chicago-Kent College of Law, Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program**

This rigorous free three-week summer program is designed to prepare students for law school or a career in the legal profession by helping them to develop essential core competencies needed to

succeed in these areas. The program targets undergraduate college students from groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession. The program seeks to (1) provide participants with a deeper understanding of legal education via the program's rigorous doctrinal and experiential skills-based curriculum; (2) help participants develop essential core competencies needed to succeed in the law school application and admissions process, as well as insight into navigating the process; and (3) expose students to a wide range of career paths within the legal profession.

**COVID-19 Statement:** "In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer's residential program."

**Eligibility:** The PLUS program is for college students who will not have received their bachelor's degree by the start of the program; however, preference is given to those who will have completed their first or second year. Students who have already completed a bachelor's degree, or who have participated in any other PLUS Program are not eligible.

**Program Dates:** May 31 – June 19, 2020

**Application Deadline:** February 28, 2020

**Contact:** Assistant Dean Marsha Ross-Jackson at [plus@kentlaw.edu](mailto:plus@kentlaw.edu) or (312) 906-5346

**Website Link:** <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/pre-law-undergraduate-scholars-program>

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

### **CLEO, Attitude is Essential (AIE) Seminar**

**Eligibility:** The AIE Seminar is for students entering their first year at an ABA-approved Law School.

**Program Dates:** June 20-21, 2020; July 18-19, 2020; August 1-2, 2020

**Contact:** [cleo@americanbar.org](mailto:cleo@americanbar.org)

**Website Link:** <https://cleo.org/aie/> or (240) 582-8600

**Location:** varies (CA, DC, IL, NY, TX). Online this year, presumably due to COVID-19

### **Pre-Law Summer Institute/ CLIC, Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc.**

A multi-week online and residential program designed to prepare participants to be more competitive law school students. Those who successfully complete the program become CLEO Fellows or CLIC Scholars. Scholars will learn how to read and brief court opinions, prepare for law school exams, write exams using the IRAC form, conquer workload, time and stress in law school, experience the Socratic method through simulated law school classes, and begin to build a network of other successful law students.

**Eligibility:** CLEO recruits individuals who have a strong desire to join the legal profession. Applicants must be eligible to attend an ABA-approved law school at the completion of the program. Applicants must also have obtained a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to the start of the summer institute.

**Program Dates:** June 1 -12, 2020, for the online seminar and June 15 – July 12, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2020

**Contact:** cleo@cleoinc.org

**Website Link:** <https://cleoinc.org/programs/plsi/>

**Location:** The Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA

### **College to Law School, Legal Outreach**

With a successful high school-to-college pipeline program in place, Legal Outreach has developed a College to Law School Pipeline Diversity Program to provide continuous support to our college students and other talented minority students who desire to attend law school. The College-to-Law School program operates during the summer with college freshmen working as summer paralegals at law firms and sophomores enrolling in a dedicated LSAT course through PowerScore LSAT Preparation.

**Program Dates:** Unclear

**Application deadline:** Unclear

**Contact:** Massiel Ramos at [mramos@legaloutreach.org](mailto:mramos@legaloutreach.org)

**Website Link:** [https://legaloutreach.org/?page\\_id=434](https://legaloutreach.org/?page_id=434)

**Location:** Unclear

### **Cornell University Law School (Cornell University Prelaw Program)**

If you're thinking about becoming a lawyer—or simply want to know more about the law and how it affects our everyday lives—you're invited to be a part of the Cornell University Prelaw Program. This intensive, six-week program is directed by C. Evan Stewart, one of America's most distinguished lawyers. The program will consist of a four-credit course taught using the Socratic method, a limited number of internship placements, and an opportunity to explore the law and culture of New York City.

**COVID-19:** “Due to COVID-19, the Prelaw program can no longer be held in person. In addition, the internships once offered with this course are no longer available. We are in the process of converting this course to an online offering. The content of the course will remain the same, and the class will be offered in a real-time, synchronous fashion to preserve the Socratic Method of teaching.”

**Eligibility:** The program is designed for undergraduates who will complete their sophomore year or higher by June 2020, and for college graduates who wish to gain an accurate, comprehensive understanding of America's legal system.

**Program Dates:** June 8 – July 17, 2020

**Application deadline:** Admission to the program will be on a rolling basis. Because enrollment is limited, you're encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted until the program is full.

**Contact:** [cusce@cornell.edu](mailto:cusce@cornell.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://www.sce.cornell.edu/ss/courses/off/prelaw/index.php>

**Location:** New York, New York

**Destination Law School, Bar Association of San Francisco**

The Bar Association of San Francisco's (BASF) Destination Law School (DLS) program provides information and resources about law school and the legal profession to diverse undergraduate students in colleges located in the Bay Area. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of diverse graduates that are going into law school. Through panel presentations and workshops, undergraduate students will gain a better understanding of their interest in law and how best to navigate the process of entering law school.

**Contact:** Samantha Akwei at [sakwei@sfbar.org](mailto:sakwei@sfbar.org)

**Website Link:** <https://www.sfbar.org/jdc/diversity/destination-law-school/>

**Location:** varies, Bay area colleges, California

**The University of Akron School of Law, Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program**

The DiscoverLaw.org Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program establishes a supportive learning community that encourages college students to reach for success and provides a foundational understanding for students seeking to become a lawyer. The four-week residential program will: experience the law school classroom, while learning how law impacts our daily lives; Visit courthouses and meet lawyers and judges, so you can explore various career paths in law; Learn about the law school application process and be positioned for success; and Gain the confidence and skills needed to enroll and succeed in law school.

**COVID-19:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Eligibility:** Targeted, but not restricted to, college students from underrepresented groups; currently enrolled college students with at least 24 units but no more than 72 units completed

**Program Dates:** May 31-June 27

**Application Deadline:** March 13 (priority); March 27 (final)

**Contact:** Program Director Brant Lee at [LawPLUS@uakron.edu](mailto:LawPLUS@uakron.edu) or 330.972.6616

**Website Link:** <http://www.uakron.edu/law/about-us/plus/>

**Location:** Akron, Ohio

**University of Detroit Mercy Law, Special Summer Program**

Each summer, Detroit Mercy Law operates a conditional admission program, known as the Summer Program, for applicants whose academic history and/or LSAT score(s) do not meet the minimum standards of the entering class, but who show potential for the study of law. Participants who satisfactorily demonstrate ability in the Summer Program are only eligible for admission to the American JD degree program at Detroit Mercy Law. The Summer Program begins in late May and is approximately eight weeks long.

**COVID-19:** “After much thought, we have decided to suspend the Summer Program for the 2020 summer because, in light of COVID-19, we will not be able to offer the intensive, in-person experience that is at the core of student learning and engagement in the Summer Program.”

**Eligibility:** An applicant who wants to be considered for the SSP must indicate so on the application and include a statement describing the circumstances that qualify the applicant for admission to the SSP.

**Program Dates:** TBD

**Application Deadline:** April 1

**Website Link:** <https://lawschool.udmercy.edu/admissions/programs-offered/summer-program.php>

### ***Discover Law Initiative, SUNY Buffalo Law School***

Recognizing that there is a shortage of minorities entering the field of law, the School of Law created the Discover Law Undergraduate Scholars Program to provide an **immersive experience** for undergraduates interested in pursuing a career in law, expose students to **critical thinking** and help them **develop reading and analytical skills**, and provide an **in-depth and thorough experience** in a four-week summer residency program.

**Eligibility:** This program is at no cost to participants. It is intended for undergraduates who have completed their freshman or sophomore year, but who will not commence their junior year before the end of the program, and are underrepresented minority students, or first-generation college students.

**Program Dates:** May 30 – June 26, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 18, 2020

**Contact:** Tolu Odunsi at [tfodunsi@buffalo.edu](mailto:tfodunsi@buffalo.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://www.law.buffalo.edu/discover-law.html>

### ***Diversity Legal Pipeline- Youth Law Academy, Centro Legal de la Raza***

The DLP is an intensive, **weeklong pre-law bootcamp** that introduces students to the law school application process and puts them face to face with law students, lawyers, and judges who affirm that a legal education is within their reach. During one week, the students will participate in a mock constitutional law class, take an actual LSAT, read real court cases, and have plenty of time to meet and network with other students and legal professionals. After the bootcamp, students are offered supplemental support to assist them on their path to law school.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2020

**Website Link:** <https://www.centrolegal.org/youth-law-academy/>

### ***Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates, Florida State University College of Law***

This program brings to campus undergraduate students from throughout the country for a month-long immersion into legal study. The largest and oldest of its kind, the primary goal of the program is to acquaint students with the study of law and to assist them in acquiring skills that will benefit their undergraduate and future law school studies.

**Classroom Experience** — Daily classes are taught by [law school professors](#). Lectures simulate first-year law classes and familiarize students with the functions of the American legal system. Writing workshops help students to develop their writing and communication skills.

**Law School Admissions Process**— Students are given the opportunity to talk to the [admissions staff](#) and committee regarding the important aspects of the law school application process. This includes practical workshops on completing the application, writing personal statements, LSAT preparation, writing resumes and cover letters, financing law school, and individualized career planning.

**Careers in the Law** — While the program is academic in nature, there are a number of exciting and enjoyable activities that take place outside of the classroom, such as: visits to the Florida Supreme Court and local law firms, moot court oral arguments, and visits from prominent attorneys in a variety of practice areas.

Thanks to the continued support and generosity of Florida State Law alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72), President of [Terrell Hogan](#), and his wife, Patricia, the program has a financially secure future. In 2000, the Hogans designated part of a \$2 million gift to the law school to endow the program. Their 2003 gift of an additional \$1 million allows the law school to permanently maintain the size of the program at approximately 60 students each year.

#### **Eligibility**

College students enrolled at two-and four-year institutions, in all majors and from all backgrounds, are invited to apply following their freshman year. We particularly welcome students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession. Because one purpose of the program is to help students direct their remaining time in college to best prepare for law school, only rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to participate. Students who will have earned their bachelor's degree prior to the start of the program will not be eligible for admission.

**COVID-19:** “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program will not be hosted in person as previously scheduled, but we are looking into alternatives, including a remote program or an in-person start date later in the summer.”

**Program Dates:** June 1 – June 26, 2020

**Application deadline:** April 1, 2020

**Contact:** [summerprogram@law.fsu.edu](mailto:summerprogram@law.fsu.edu)

**Website Link:** <http://www.law.fsu.edu/academics/summer-for-undergraduates>

#### **East Los Angeles College Pathway to Law School Transfer Program, East Los Angeles College**

The Pathway to Law School program provides students with the academic foundation necessary for successful transfer and eventual entry to law school.

**Contact:** Dr. Kenneth Chaiprasert at (323) 415-5466 or [chaiprv@elac.edu](mailto:chaiprv@elac.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://www.elac.edu/Student-Services/Current-Students/Pathway-to-Law-School>

### **Esq. Apprentice, Non-profit**

The mission of Esq. Apprentice, a California-based non-profit, is to provide low-income women of color with the tools needed to complete California's legal apprenticeship program and become attorneys. To meet this goal, participants will complete a 4-year course of part-time study which emphasizes legal writing and research. Esq. Apprentice improves the employability and lives of low-income women of color and their communities by creating meaningful opportunities to obtain legal skills and employment.

**COVID-19 Statement:** "This virus is impacting all of us in myriad ways, and Esq. Apprentice knows that any one person's wellness depends on everyone else's. Whether it's people with chronic health conditions or people without shelter, our undocumented neighbors or people living in detention, people providing vital services or those who can't forgo a paycheck to stay home, we must ensure all of us can access the care we need and have the support required to make the best choices for everyone's health. To focus on this goal, Esq. will not solicit applications for our program at this time. Thank you for your interest and please stay safe and healthy!"

**Contact:** (510) 542-9592 or [esq.apprentice@gmail.com](mailto:esq.apprentice@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://esqapprentice.org/>

### **Eversheds Sutherland Scholars**

Established in 2005, Eversheds Sutherland Scholars is an intensive three-week summer program for recent college graduates headed to law school or rising college seniors from a variety of personal and cultural backgrounds. The award-winning program, offered in Eversheds Sutherland's Atlanta and Washington DC offices, is offered at no cost and is designed to introduce students to the rigors of law school. Scholars are exposed to topics such as how to navigate the law school admission process, what to expect during the first year of law school, and getting a job upon graduation. The program engages a law professor to teach introductory classes in Contracts and Legal Research & Writing (with exams), provides the scholars with a chance to hear from and visit with a variety of legal professionals and includes a modest stipend. In 2018, Eversheds Sutherland announced its partnership with Warner Media (formerly Turner) to co-host its Scholars program in the Atlanta office.

The first year of law school can be challenging. The Eversheds Sutherland Scholars program helps to demystify the law school experience by exposing students to everything they will need to be successful. Eversheds Sutherland attorneys and other legal professionals lead intensive roundtable discussions that include:

- Opportunities to Excel in Law School: Law Review, Moot Court, Mock Trials and Clinical Programs
- How to Brief a Case
- How to Form an Effective Study Group
- Tips on Building Relationships with Professors
- Legal Research and Writing Techniques
- Business Etiquette Training
- Preparing for Life After Law School

**COVID-19 Statement:** “Given the uncertainty surrounding the duration of social distancing protocols over the next few months, we have made the difficult decision to suspend the 2020 Eversheds Sutherland Scholars program for this summer. We appreciate your interest and look forward to resuming the program next summer.”

**Application Deadline:** May 18, 2020 (suspended)

**Contact:** Program Manager Gabrielle Eshun at [gabrielleeshun@eversheds-sutherland.com](mailto:gabrielleeshun@eversheds-sutherland.com) or [esscholars@eversheds-sutherland.com](mailto:esscholars@eversheds-sutherland.com)

**Website:** <https://www.esscholars.com/Home>

### ***Explore the Law, Portland State University***

Explore the Law is a free program for Portland State University Students to explore and prepare for careers in law through a partnership between Portland State University, the Oregon State Bar and the Multnomah Bar Association. We particularly encourage P.S.U students from traditionally under-represented communities to apply for this great program. *The program duration is two academic terms, starting in September and ending in March (Fall and Winter Quarter).*

**Application Deadline:** May 19

**Contact:** 503-725-4556

**Website:** <https://www.pdx.edu/sls/explore-the-law>

### ***Jurist Academy, Widener University***

Two weeks at Delaware Law’s [Jurist Academy](#) will give you a real sense of what law school is like and what opportunities lie ahead for you in the field of law. Students will experience the dynamics of a law school classroom, will meet lawyers and judges in field trips and on-campus, and will have many opportunities to learn about the admissions process and life at law school. You’ll be able to practice your oral argument, analytic, and test-taking skills. You’ll learn how lawyers prepare for cases and strategies law students use to survive—and enjoy!—law school.

**WEBSITE HASN’T BEEN UPDATED SINCE 2018, SO NOT SURE IF PROGRAM IS STILL RUNNING**

**Program Dates:** June 4 – June 14, 2018

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 2018

**Website:** <https://delawarelaw.widener.edu/prospective-students/jd-program/apply/diversity-and-inclusion/jurist-academy/>

### ***Law and Leadership Institute College Scholars Program, Law and Leadership Institute***

This program aims to continue the academic and career support that our students experienced during high school at the college level. Among other general college success topics, our graduates now receive assistance with course selection, locating on and off-campus academic support, finding internships and fellowships, searching for employment opportunities, as well as preparing for the

GRE and LSAT. The LLI College Scholars program offers opportunities to our LLI graduates: to connect with other graduates through social media; to be paired with attorney mentors; and to attend workshops in all six LLI cities with LLI staff.

**Application Deadline:** March 20, 2020

**Contact:** 614-485-3503 or [lli@lawandleadership.org](mailto:lli@lawandleadership.org)

**Website:** <https://www.lawandleadership.org/program-path/>

### ***Law Fellows Program – UCLA Law***

The Law Fellows Program provides early academic development to high-potential undergraduate students and college graduates. The program focuses on participants' academic development, with the objective of increasing their academic competitiveness for admission to law school. Our initiative is committed to ensuring equity, access, and excellence in legal education both in California and nationally. A strong preference is granted to applicants whose experiences reflect limited familial exposure to post-collegiate education, career opportunities, mentoring, and social support systems. Additional consideration is also given to applicants who have overcome economic and/or educational hardships and challenges, or come from, or have demonstrated leadership experience in, economically or educationally underserved communities.

Law Fellows attend a series of Saturday Academies held at UCLA School of Law in the winter and spring, where they are provided with mentoring, academic enrichment, and career development activities designed to de-mystify law school and the legal profession, and to present these objectives as viable options. The program prepares participants to successfully enter and succeed in top law programs and legal careers by affording Fellows access to a variety of events, programs and services, including:

- Professional-Level Instruction by Law School Faculty
- Personalized Juris Doctorate (Law School) Action Plan
- Mentoring by Current UCLA Law Students
- Full Scholarship for one LSAT Preparation Course
- Presentations by Practicing Attorneys and Leaders in the Law Community
- Admissions, Financial Aid, LSAT, and Public Interest Law Workshops
- Legal Research Primer by Law Library Staff
- Follow-Up Activities and Counseling until Law School Matriculation

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have at least a 3.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA from a four-year institution.

**Program Dates:** Late January to Early May

**Application Deadline:** October

**Contact:** [outreach@law.ucla.edu](mailto:outreach@law.ucla.edu) or (310) 794-4157

**Website Link:** <https://law.ucla.edu/admissions/outreach/>

### **Latino Justice PRLDEF LAWbound Scholars (NY, NY)**

Within the week-long intensive course, *LAWbound* demystifies the law school application process, introduces legal methods and processes, covers the importance of course selection throughout a student's undergraduate program to prepare for law school, and introduces career paths and options for law school graduates. Students have the opportunity to establish relationships and ask questions in informal, relaxed and social settings throughout the week with LatinoJustice PRLDEF attorneys, guest speakers and lawyers, and current law students.

Up to 30 applicants will be accepted as *LAWbound* Scholars, and attend the *LAWbound* Luis J. DeGraffe Summer OR Winter Academy. *LAWbound* scholars will also be matched with a law student mentor through our partnership with the Hispanic National Bar Association National Mentoring Program. *LAWbound* Scholars also receive wrap-around services – such as a discounted LSAT preparatory class and in-depth counseling on law school admissions provided by LatinoJustice PRLDEF – that will improve access to law school. Each Academy has its own application cycle

#### **Eligibility:**

- Demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a legal education.
- Must be of Hispanic heritage and currently enrolled as a college **freshman** or **sophomore** during initial application to the program.
- Demonstrate strong academic potential with a minimum overall B average or better and permit Latino Justice PRLDEF access to your academic record.
- Must be able to attend the full summer prep program, which takes place in August 2010. Alternatively, applicant must be able to attend our new Winter *LAWbound* academy which takes place in mid January.
- Housing and travel is not covered by the program

**Program Dates:** Summer Program: August 3-7, 2020; Winter Program: January 11-15, 2021

**Application Deadline:** Summer Program: June 5, 2020; Winter Program: November 13, 2020

**Contact:** [education@latinojustice.org](mailto:education@latinojustice.org)

**Website:** <https://www.latinojustice.org/en/lawboundr>

### **Law Pathway, Santa Monica College**

Santa Monica College's Law Pathway program fosters the skills needed to excel in a legal career. The Law Pathway program is designed to help SMC's traditionally underrepresented students that are interested in a legal career in becoming competitive applicants to law school.

**Application Deadline:** September 20, 2019

**Website:** <http://www.smc.edu/AcademicAffairs/LawPathway/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Law School Sin Límites, Hispanic National Bar Association**

LSSL aims to expand the pipeline to law school for diverse applicants by matching Fellows with Mentors who will guide Fellows through college with the goal of helping them receive admission to the law school of their choice. Through exposure programs, LSSL demystifies the law school application process and gives access to the legal profession. LSSL provides valued skill-building workshops and other opportunities to prepare Fellows for success in college, law school, and beyond.

**Eligibility:** Admission to the LSSM program is selective. Each Fellow has to have graduated from a high school in one of the five regions identified by the HNBA for this pilot program and must be a member of a group that is traditionally under-represented in the legal profession. LSSL, however, is inclusive, not exclusive, since it is not limited to students of color. Rather, LSSL encourages low-income students, students of color, and first-generation college students to apply.

**Contact:** [vpprograms@hnba.com](mailto:vpprograms@hnba.com)

**Website:** <https://hnba.com/programs/>

### ***LAW SCHOOL...Yes We Can, Law School...Yes We Can***

LAW SCHOOL...Yes We Can is the first law school pipeline program of its kind in Colorado – a program that targets high achieving college freshmen from diverse backgrounds and mentors and trains them for four years. It is also unique because it takes mentoring to a new level. In addition to helping prospective legal professionals meet the challenges their predecessors faced, the program helps these students (1) identify the unique challenges they will face in the future; (2) cultivate the skills and relationships they need to mitigate competitive disadvantages that can accompany those challenges; and (3) perform at their peak academic, professional, and leadership levels while they are still in college. Through exposure programs, LAW SCHOOL...Yes We Can will demystify the law school application process and give Fellows access to the legal profession.

**Application Deadline:** March 20, 2020

**Contact:** [info@lawschoolyeswecan.org](mailto:info@lawschoolyeswecan.org)

**Website:** <http://lawschoolyeswecan.org/theprogram>

### ***Legal Education Advancing Diversity (LEAD), Dillard University***

LEAD seeks to increase diversity in the legal profession by offering students and graduates from underrepresented backgrounds in the city of New Orleans with a comprehensive year-long program. This program will include: 1) high quality, rigorous LSAT preparation, coupled with intensive wraparound support; 2) strategies for creating a competitive law school application; 3) individualized consultation and support throughout the application process; and 4) a strong systemic mentorship program.

**Website:** [http://www.dillard.edu/academics/college-and-degree-programs/college-of-arts-and-sciences/school-of-social-sciences/pre-law\\_program/](http://www.dillard.edu/academics/college-and-degree-programs/college-of-arts-and-sciences/school-of-social-sciences/pre-law_program/)

### ***Legal Education Opportunity (LEO) Institute, Seton Hall University Law School***

The Legal Education Opportunity Institute consists of a full-time, two-week summer institute during which LEO Fellows attend classes covering material from first-year core courses and workshops on critical skill development and adjusting to law school. These classes and workshops are taught by Law School faculty, administrators and other professionals. The Institute is designed to provide a running start on developing skills and techniques for approaching the study of law. The

Institute typically runs from August 1 through August 15, before classes begin, and will require a full-time commitment. LEO Fellows who will be relocating to the New York – New Jersey area for attendance in the Institute are encouraged to contact our Student Services Department for assistance with your housing search.

**Program Dates:** August 1 – 15

**Application Deadline:** April 1

**Website:** <https://law.shu.edu/About/diversity/LEO/eligibility.cfm>

### ***Louis Stokes Scholars Program, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation***

In June 2012, the CMBA launched the Louis Stokes Scholars Program -- a pipeline diversity initiative through which college students interested in careers in the law engage in paid summer legal internships of eight-weeks duration at Cleveland law firms, courts and legal nonprofits. Scholars are provided with volunteer mentors who are lawyers and judges who agree to mentor throughout the college years. In addition, Scholars participate in group enrichment and networking activities through the summer including field trips to the courts and local law schools, public speaking and writing seminars and lunch and learn programs with legal community leaders.

**Application Deadline:** April 10, 2020

**Website:** [https://www.clemetrobar.org/CMBA\\_Prod/CMBA/Diversity\\_Inclusion\\_Programs/StokesScholars.aspx](https://www.clemetrobar.org/CMBA_Prod/CMBA/Diversity_Inclusion_Programs/StokesScholars.aspx)

### ***Minnesota Pre-Law Scholars Program, University of Minnesota Law School***

Minnesota Pre-Law Scholars (MPLS) is a program that offers a select number of students a free LSAT prep class each summer at the University of Minnesota Law School. Admission is highly selective and based on a holistic review of the MPLS application material. MPLS is an approved DiscoverLaw.org event.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all programming and instruction will be conducted virtually for the 2020 MPLS program. More information will be sent to admitted students by April 15.”

**Program Dates:** Early June – Mid-August, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 6, 2020

**Website:** <https://www.law.umn.edu/admissions/minnesota-pre-law-scholars-mpls-program>

### ***MTO Fellows Program (Los Angeles, CA), Munger, Tolles, & Olson***

This program is an important initiative designed to encourage, promote and support a community of individuals who contribute to the diversity of the legal profession. The program is intended for individuals seeking to start law school in Fall 2021 (college juniors or seniors as of Spring 2020, or individuals who have already graduated).

What we look for?

Potential to contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the legal profession, including, but not limited to, candidates who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups; LGBTQ; physically challenged; or from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds.

What we expect?

- Attendance at every workshop\*
- Participation in the LSAT preparation course\*
- Completion of the program
- Submission of applications to at least 15 law schools by November 2020
- Professional behavior, including prompt arrival for every session and business casual attire

**Eligibility:** Fellows must

- be able to attend monthly workshops in Downtown Los Angeles from March through December 2020, and
- reside in or near the Los Angeles County area once the LSAT preparation course begins.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed MTO Fellows Program Application Form
- Resume (max 2 pages)
- Official (or Unofficial) community college, undergraduate, and/or graduate transcripts, where applicable
- Personal Statement (max 500 words)

**Program Dates:** March-December

**Application Deadline:** January 6, 2020 (12:00 p.m. PT)

**Contact:** [diversity@mto.com](mailto:diversity@mto.com)

**Website Link:** <https://www.mto.com/diversity/mto-fellows-program>

### ***Native American Pipeline to Law Initiative, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law***

The 2015 National Native American Bar Association study of Native Americans in the legal field (The Pursuit of Inclusion: An In-Depth Exploration of the Experiences and Perspective of Native American Attorneys in the Legal Profession), concluded that the Native American law student population is lower than the rate of Native Americans in the overall U.S. population. The study found that pipeline projects reaching students in earlier stages of education are essential to continuing the gains in Native American law student numbers and success. In response to the issues identified in the 2015 National Native American Bar Association survey, the Indian Legal Program and the Indigenous Law Program are joining together to strengthen the Native American pipeline to law.

**Program Dates:** June 17 – 21, 2020

**Application Deadline:** April 24, 2020

**Website:** <https://law.asu.edu/pipeline-to-law>

**New York State Judicial Institute, Pace Law School (New York Legal Education Opportunity Program (NYLEO))**

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to participate, a student must: be minority, low-income or educationally disadvantaged; receive his or her college degree by the beginning of the summer program; have been accepted by or have an application pending at a New York law school; and agree to attend law school in New York.

**Program Dates:** June 8 - July 17, 2020

**Application Deadline:** April 10, 2020

**Contact:** NYLEO@nycourts.gov

**Website Link:** <https://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/leo/>

**The Ohio State University, Michael E. Moritz College of Law Summer Pre-Law Program at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England**

It is generally known that the American legal system developed out of Great Britain's legal system, and the strong influence of English law is still apparent in our system of law. Studying in a university that, for some 900 years, has had a major role in developing the current Anglo-American legal system, is valuable preparation for students who are contemplating studying law in America. In addition, we specifically devote time to helping pre-law students hone the skills necessary for success in American law schools.

**Program Dates:** June 28-August 1, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2020

**Contact:** Rebecca McMunn at mcmunn.8@osu.edu

**Website Link:** <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/education-abroad/pre-law-program/>

**Pathway to the Law, Indiana University (IUPUI)**

This Pipeline Curriculum is designed to enhance opportunities for students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the legal profession.

**Application Deadline:** January 9, 2020

**Website:** <https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/admissions/jd/diversity/pathway-to-the-law.html>

**SEO Law Fellowship**

The SEO Law Fellowship starts the summer before Fellows begin law school, giving them the best chance for law school and career success. We offer accepted law school students a paid internship at a top law firm, immersive mentorship and networking, and law school prep and training.

**Program Dates:** May 17 – July 24, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 9, 2020

**Website Link:** <https://www.seo-usa.org/law/>

***The Summer Institute of Pre-Legal Studies (Pre-Legal), Seton Hall Law School***

The Pre-Legal program is designed for college students with socio-economic and/or educational disadvantage and an interest in the law. It recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary here at Seton Hall Law and boasts scores of graduates over the years who have gone on to successful careers in and outside the law. Headed by civil rights pioneer Professor Brenda Saunders-Hampden and funded through the Educational Opportunity Fund of the Commission on Higher Education of New Jersey, the Pre-Legal program is a five-week, residential, skill-building program designed to replicate the academic challenges of the first year of law school. Classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and courses are offered in legal writing, legal analysis, written communications, and two substantive areas of the law such as contracts, property, agency, or constitutional law. Additional class sessions, time and stress management skills programs, LSAT prep and career orientation workshops are scheduled on evenings and weekends. All substantive law classes are taught by law school faculty and by practicing attorneys.

**Eligibility:** The Pre-Legal program is designed for college students with socio-economic and/or educational disadvantage and an interest in the law.

**Program Dates:** May 23 – July 2, 2020

**Application Deadline:** February 17, 2020

**Website Link:** <https://law.shu.edu/About/diversity/prelegal/index.cfm>

***Sidley Pre-Law Scholars Program***

The Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program is designed to increase diversity in law schools by subsidizing the cost of applying to law school for talented financially needy minority students. Sidley Prelaw Scholars are college juniors and seniors who demonstrate academic promise but who have limited financial resources that might prevent them from enrolling in an LSAT preparatory course. Each Sidley Prelaw Scholar receives an initial award worth up to \$2,500 to cover tuition for a commercial LSAT preparatory course, registration for the LSAT and the Law School Data Assembly Service - LSDAS, and reimbursement for up to seven application fees to accredited law schools.

Scholars may be eligible to receive an additional \$3,500 scholarship award in two installments. Scholars will receive \$1,250 when they have (1) successfully completed an approved LSAT preparatory course, (2) taken the LSAT, and (3) applied to at least five accredited law schools. Each Scholar will receive a final \$2,250 scholarship distribution once the Scholar commits to a specific law school, sends proof of enrollment to Sidley and attends the entire Sidley Scholars Summer Seminar the summer before matriculation.

Sidley Prelaw Scholars also receive expert coaching on how to present a compelling law school application. During the summer immediately prior to their law school matriculation, Sidley Prelaw Scholars will participate in a brief seminar on the structure of the American legal system and be introduced to the substance of the required first-year common law courses.

**Eligibility:**

To be considered as a Sidley Prelaw Scholar, one must:

- Be a second semester junior or senior, graduating from college in good standing no later than June 30, 2021;
- Submit all application materials; and
- Demonstrate financial need through the application and supporting materials.

**Program Dates:** Spring - Summer

**Application Deadline:** January 10, 2020

**Contact:** [mlima@sidley.com](mailto:mlima@sidley.com)

**Website:** <https://www.sidley.com/en/diversitylanding/sidley-prelaw-scholars-program>

***St. John's University School of Law, Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program for College Students***

The Ron Brown Prep Program furthers the Ron Brown Center's mission of engaging in legal studies, research, and outreach on issues affecting the lives of disadvantaged and underrepresented people; increasing racial and socioeconomic diversity in the legal profession; and educating law students to be leaders on issues of racial, economic, and social justice. To help raise the number of diverse, disadvantaged students in law schools, the Ron Brown Prep Program identifies these students in their college years and offers them early exposure to the study and practice of law. The Ron Brown Prep Program prepares students for the challenges of law school and for the law school application process. Participants gain an edge in courses taught by Law School faculty; through internships with judges and lawyers; in a customized LSAT prep course; and with advising on all aspects of the admission process.

**Eligibility:** The Prep Program aims to encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds – often the first members of their family to attend college – to apply to law school and pursue the study and practice of law. Student should have at least 24 college credits, a GPA of 3.0 or better, and are either low-income, first-generation college or professional students, or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

**COVID-19 Statement:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer's residential program.”

**Program Dates:** June – July

**Application Deadline:** February 28

**Contact:** Program Director Kamille Dean at [wolffk@stjohns.edu](mailto:wolffk@stjohns.edu) or (718) 990-6469

**Website Link:** <https://www.stjohns.edu/law/ronald-h-brown-center-civil-rights/ronald-h-brown-law-school-prep-program-college-students>

**Location:** Queens, New York

***Law Scholars Program, Saint Louis University School of Law***

This program offered through the Office of Pre-Health and Pre-Law Studies helps students explore the legal field early in their college careers through the integration of law-focused activities within general coursework. Examples of Law Scholar activities include courses taught by law school

professors, courtroom experiences, and opportunities to work with local attorneys. Law Scholars who successfully complete the program are guaranteed admission to SLU Law following graduation.

**Website:** <https://www.slu.edu/scholars/pre-law-scholars.php>

**Location:** Saint Louis, Missouri

### ***TRIALS Program (NYU Law, Harvard Law, and Advantage Testing Foundation)***

Trials is a residential scholarship program that helps talented and motivated college students of modest means gain admission to the nation's leading law school by providing intensive LSAT preparation and a broad-based exposure to diverse aspects of the legal profession. This rigorous five-week summer course enhances opportunities for students of underrepresented backgrounds by bolstering their skills and focusing their goals.

Each week, instructors from Advantage Testing prepare TRIALS students for the LSAT by deconstructing the test and presenting a step-by-step approach to each question type. Students maintain a rigorous practice testing schedule, frequently sitting for full-length official LSATs. Working closely with their instructors, students learn to develop an individualized study plan, focus their preparation, and apply the core principles they master.

Trials students also attend lectures presented by prominent lawyers, public figures, and legal scholars including faculty from both NYU Law and Harvard Law School. These lectures provide a wide-ranging introduction to the study and practice of the law.

**Eligibility:** \*NO GPA requirement\* Our explicit aim is to support students of modest means whose racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds are underrepresented in America's top-rated JD programs. We welcome applications from all motivated students of any background whose personal circumstances, self-identifications, and unique perspectives might place them outside the mainstream of typical law school applicants. We will give particular consideration to those candidates who attend colleges that traditionally send no more than one graduate per year to the partnering law schools.

**Program Dates:** Five weeks during July/August

**Application Deadline:** February 21, 2020

**Website Link:** <https://trials.atfoundation.org/>

**Location:** New York, New York; Boston, Massachusetts

### ***King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP), UC Davis School of Law***

Established in 2001, the King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP) is a unique initiative that helps college students from underrepresented communities prepare for the law school admissions process. In addition to providing mentoring and pre-law advising during the school year, the program hosts eligible college juniors and seniors for a series of weekend sessions in which students gain valuable knowledge about the law school admission process, learn writing, analytical, and logical reasoning skills, develop study techniques for taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and

explore career paths available to law school graduates.

The King Hall Outreach Program consists of [KHOP Winter Session](#) (held in January/February) and [KHOP Summer Session](#) (held in June/July).

**Eligibility:**

1. Currently attend, or have recently transferred to, a four-year college with one or two years before graduation OR have graduated from a four-year institution in 2017.
2. Be considered a first-generation college student (no parent or legal guardian has a bachelor's degree) OR come from an economically underserved community or background defined as having a household income less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>).
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher as calculated on a 4.33 scale. Cumulative GPA includes grades received from all postsecondary institutions you have attended (community college(s), universities, etc.).
4. Intend to apply to law school, but are not currently in the process of applying for 2020 enrollment.
5. Have not previously completed an outreach program at UC Davis School of Law.

**Program Dates:** Summer: June/July; Winter: January/February/March

**Application Deadline:** 2020 Summer Session deadline: May 11; 2019 Winter Session Deadline: December

**Contact:** [outreach@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:outreach@law.ucdavis.edu) or by phone (530) 752-6477

**Website Link:** <https://law.ucdavis.edu/outreach/khop.html>

**Location:** Davis, California

**UC Irvine School of Law's Pre-Law Outreach Program**

UC Irvine School of Law's Pre-Law Outreach Program ("POP") is sponsored by the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund. POP helps students from disadvantaged backgrounds understand the demands of law school, prepare for the law school application and admissions process, and be inspired to one day use their legal skills to give back to the community.

There is NO CHARGE for students admitted to the program, which provides:

- A certificate for a free LSAT Review course
- Detailed information on the law school admissions process
- Detailed information about the costs of law school and available financial aid
- Advice about excelling in law school from law students, faculty, and recent graduates
- Information about careers in law from practicing lawyers in many fields
- Limited scholarships for transportation and/or housing costs

**Eligibility:**

- You are a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university (this includes a community college)
- You do not plan to submit any applications to law school until Fall 2021 or later. You have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- You are from a disadvantaged background, which may include one or more of the following factors (you only need to meet *one* of these requirements):

- Family income within 200% of the federal poverty guidelines per <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty>
- First-generation college student.
- Limited familial exposure to post-college education and career opportunities.
- English is not the primary language in the home of origin.
- Overcoming educational hardships and challenges.

**Program Dates:** June 13, 20, & 27 and July 11, 18, & 25

**Deadline:** March 27, 2020

**Contact:** Estuardo Ponciano at [eponciano@law.uci.edu](mailto:eponciano@law.uci.edu).

**Website Link:** <http://www.law.uci.edu/about/public-service/public-interest/community-programs/pop/>

### **University of Maine School of Law, PLUS Program**

The [DiscoverLaw.org](http://DiscoverLaw.org) PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program at the University of Maine School of Law is a three-week residency program that will teach oral, written, and leadership skills that will be useful in whatever community you live and any career you choose to pursue. This three-week summer immersion program designed specifically for undergraduate students will: Provide you with the skills needed to succeed, teach you about the law school admissions process, and connect you with legal career opportunities

**Eligibility:** This program is targeted, but not restricted, to college students from racial and ethnic minority groups who are underrepresented in the legal profession (e.g. African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native). In addition, individuals who are from rural communities or are the first in their family to attend college will be given preferred consideration. The program is designed for students in the first two years of college.

**Program dates:** Begins May 25 – June 12, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 23, 2020.

**Contact:** [mainelawplus@maine.edu](mailto:mainelawplus@maine.edu) or 207.780.4355

**Website:** <https://mainelaw.maine.edu/admissions/plus/>

**Location:** Portland, Maine

### **University of Texas - El Paso LSPI College Summer Program, UTEP's Patti and Paul Yetter Center for Law**

Initiated in 1998 to help prospective law students develop critical thinking skills and study habits and to guide students through the law school application process. The commitment of the program is to better prepare students to succeed by presenting them with a rigorous workload focusing on academic thinking skills necessary for the pursuit of a legal education. The LSPI program:

- Introduces students to legal thought, research and writing
- Develops analytical and critical reading and writing skills
- Develops strategies for becoming a more attractive law school candidate
- Guides students in selecting and applying to law schools

- Gives students the opportunity to speak with law school students and faculty as well as prominent members of the legal community
- Prepares students for the LSAT

**Website Link:** <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/lspi/>

### **University of Texas at San Antonio Summer Law School Preparation Academy**

The Summer Law School Preparation Academy offers an enhanced pre-law curriculum, supplemented by guest speakers and practical experiences, in support of the ILPA's goal of increasing the number of Texas students who gain admission to and excel in law school. Since the SLSPA's creation, its students have secured acceptances to and enrolled in a diverse array of law schools throughout the United States.

**Eligibility:** The SLSPA is open to all undergraduate students in any college or university in the nation.

**Deadline:** Priority: March 20; Regular: April 20

**Website Link:** <http://www.utsa.edu/ilpa/academy.html>

### **Wake Forest Law School Summer Pre-Law Program for Undergraduate**

The Wake Forest Law School Summer Pre-Law Program for Undergraduates will feature the following qualities:

- Classes are taught by Wake Forest Law School Professors in a "Law School" style;
- Each class receives three hours of Wake Forest College credit;
- Writing assignments will have individualized feedback;
- Public speaking assignments will have individualized feedback;
- In addition to the professors, law student teaching assistants who will be available to assist the students with assignments and to speak informally about life in law school;
- A small student/teacher ratio will allow the students to network with Law School faculty;
- A small student/teacher ratio will give students access to career and law school application counseling;
- Social events will allow informal contact with Law School faculty and practicing lawyers.

**Eligibility:** The goal of the program is to give college students a realistic view of law student life and to educate them about the career opportunities of lawyers.

**Program Dates:** May 27 – June 18, 2020

**Contact:** (336) 758-5430

**Website Link:** <https://summer.law.wfu.edu/prelaw/>

### **Liman Yale Summer Fellowships**

**Eligibility:** All Yale undergraduates—with the exception of graduating seniors—are eligible to apply.

**Program Dates:** Summer

**Application Deadline:** January 22, 2020

**Website Link:** <https://law.yale.edu/centers-workshops/arthur-liman-center-public-interest-law/undergraduate-summer-fellowship/application-process>

***Pre-Law Scholars Summer Enrichment Program, (PLSEP), Howard University***

Pre-Law Scholars will live in the dorms on Howard University's main campus. Scholars will travel to the School of Law's campus Monday through Thursday of each week to take classes taught by Howard University faculty exposing them to the study of law. Students will also have daily LSAT preparation with Kaplan. On Fridays, Scholars will meet with judges and other legal practitioners to learn more about the practice of law. There will also be opportunities to explore Washington, DC's cultural institutions. There is no cost to students who participate in the program and Pre-Law Scholars will receive a stipend. Please note that students will have to cover travel expenses to and from Washington, DC on their own. Once in DC, transportation costs will be covered as well as costs for housing, books, and meals.

**Program Dates:** May 27 – June 20, 2020

**Deadline:** March 6, 2020

**Website:** <http://law.howard.edu/content/pre-law-scholars-summer-enrichment-program-plsep>

***SPPARK, University of Arkansas***

SPPARK is a three-week, intensive, pre-law focused academic summer program for rising senior college students -- and recent graduates -- interested in law school. The program is held at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville. Students will be immersed in law school culture by living on campus, taking classes with law school faculty and completing reading, writing and oral advocacy assignments similar to those given to first year law students. The program also features comprehensive Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) preparation, including live, in-person instruction and individualized online resources. Finally, SPPARK students will receive professional development training, network with attorneys and current law students and visit Northwest Arkansas attractions.

**Program Dates:** May 17 – June 8, 2020

**Deadline:** March 13, 2020

**Website:** <https://law.uark.edu/service-outreach/sppark/>

***Summer Law and Leadership Academy, McKinney Law School***

The Robert H. McKinney School of Law Summer Law and Leadership Academy is a one-week experience designed to introduce undergraduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to law school and various careers that they may pursue with a law degree. If you are selected for the Law and Leadership Academy, you will learn about hot topics in the law and strengthen your academic skills.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, this event will not occur as planned.”

**Program Dates:** June 1-6, 2020

**Contact:** Chasity Thompson at [chasthom@iupui.edu](mailto:chasthom@iupui.edu) or (317) 278-3001

**Website:** <https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/admissions/jd/diversity/summer-program.html>

### ***Summer Work Experience in Law (SWEL)***

Summer Work Experience in Law (SWEL) is an eight-week program that operates from approximately mid-June through early August. SWEL Scholars are expected to complete a full-time, paid internship (Monday - Thursday) and attend SWEL Sessions every Friday during the course of the program. SWEL Scholars are placed in legal internship positions throughout Ohio, most commonly Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus. Scholars are placed among a variety of employers in both the private and public sector. SWEL Sessions are days designed to provide Scholars with skills and insight that are essential to making an informed decision about attending law school and entering the legal profession. The exposure Scholars gain during their internships supplement what they learn during SWEL Sessions.

**Eligibility:** SWEL affords students the opportunity to gain an appreciation of the rigors of a career in law and the preparation needed to be successful in such a career. SWEL targets primarily Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton African American high school seniors and college students. Because we offer internships at legal sites in Dayton and Columbus, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky, we encourage students who are from Cincinnati and/or Dayton, but attend college Dayton or Louisville to apply. SWEL selects students based on interest and availability, and offers supporting classes and supervision to retain student interest over an average three year period.

**Program Dates:** Summer

**Deadline:** March 16, 2020

**Website:** <https://swelfoundation.squarespace.com/students>

### ***The Skadden, Arps Honor Program in Legal Studies, The City College of New York***

The Skadden, Arps Honors Program is a unique partnership between Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP—one of the preeminent law firms in the world—and The City College of New York that prepares students from low-income and underrepresented groups for successful legal careers and to enrich and diversify the legal profession.

**Eligibility:** The Program accepts rising juniors (students who have completed approximately 50 to 70 credits), and offers merit scholarships, mentoring opportunities, summer internship at a law firm or legal services non-profit, a legal studies curriculum, designed to complement a wide range of majors, and LSAT preparation and tutoring.

**Deadline:** March 15

**Website:** <https://ccnyskaddenprogram.org/>

**UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program - PLUS Program, University of Houston Law Center**

LSAC Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program is targeted, but not restricted, to college students from racial and ethnic minority groups underrepresented in the legal profession. The PLUS program is generously funded by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and is designed for students in their first two years of college with at least two years left to graduate. As a program participant, you will be eligible to receive tuition and free room and board for the duration of the program. You will also receive a fee waiver from the Law School Admissions Council for the LSAT and Credential Assembly Service.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the LSAC Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program, students should be first-generation college students, low income, or members of groups underrepresented in the legal profession. Students must hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and must be in their first two years of college with at least two years left to graduate. Students attending community college must show proof of college continuance by providing a copy of the acceptance letter from the 4-year institution they will be attending in the Fall.

**Program Dates:** June 1 – July 24, 2020

**Application Deadline:** February 1 (priority); March 1 (final)

**Contact:** Program Kristen Guiseppi at [uhprelaw@uh.edu](mailto:uhprelaw@uh.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://www.law.uh.edu/pipeline/PLUS.asp>

**Location:** Houston, Texas

**UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program - Scholar II Track (Rising Seniors), University of Houston Law Center**

The Scholar II track's goals focus on building a strong law school application by concentrating on LSAT test preparation, creating and finalizing the student's resume, personal statement and/or diversity statement for submission to law school.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the Scholar II track, students should be first generation college students, low income, or members of groups underrepresented in the legal profession. Students must hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and must have completed over 85 college credits by June of the year that the student is applying for admission to the program. Priority will be given to eligible students who have successfully completed the Scholar I track as well as students who are rising seniors, or students who have completed their third year in college.

**Program Dates:** June 1 – July 24, 2020

**Application Deadline:** February 1 (priority); March 1 (final)

**Contact:** Program Kristen Guiseppi at [uhprelaw@uh.edu](mailto:uhprelaw@uh.edu)

**Website Link:** <https://www.law.uh.edu/pipeline/programs.asp>

**Location:** Houston, Texas

**University of Puerto Rico School of Law, PLUS Program**

The Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program is a four-week program (from June 8 to July 3, 2020) sponsored by the Law School Admission Council, aimed at high school students from the Río Piedras Campus of the University of Puerto Rico They will take their second or third year next

academic year. If you are interested in studying law at the end of your baccalaureate, consider applying to the PLUS program! Participating students will be part of a community of study and mutual support that will help them to move towards the practice of law.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Program Dates:** June 8 – July 13

**Deadline:** April 15

**Contact:** Program Director Hiram Meléndez-Juarbe at 787.999.9620 or [plus.derecho@upr.edu](mailto:plus.derecho@upr.edu)

**Website:** <http://derecho.uprrp.edu/prelaw-undergraduate-scholars-program-plus/>

### **The University of Memphis, PLUS Program**

The Law School Admissions Council Pre-Law Undergrad Scholars (PLUS) Program at the University of Memphis School of Law invites currently enrolled college freshmen and sophomores from diverse or underrepresented backgrounds to join us this summer for a first-hand introduction to the legal field through the LSAC PLUS Program.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Program Dates:** June 1 – 26

**Deadline:** March 27

**Contact:** Program Director Demetria D. Frank at (901) 678-4948 or [lawdiversity@memphis.edu](mailto:lawdiversity@memphis.edu)

**Website:** <https://www.memphis.edu/law/about/plusprogram.php>

### **University of Oregon School of Law, PLUS Program**

The University of Oregon LSAC PLUS Program provides an introduction to, and the opportunity to practice and enhance, the skills required for success in law school and the legal profession.

The PLUS Program is generously sponsored by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and is provided at no cost to participants. All eligible participants will receive free room and board for the duration of the program at the University of Oregon, and a \$1,000 stipend.

**COVID-19 Statement:** “In response to this evolving emergency situation and at the guidance from public health authorities, LSAC and the 2020 PLUS Program law schools have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer’s residential program.”

**Eligibility:** The program is primarily designed to support undergraduate students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, those with socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, and students facing other significant barriers to entering into legal practice. Any

students currently enrolled in their freshman or sophomore year at a four-year college or university, technical college, or community college are welcome to apply.

**Program Dates:** July 6 - 31

**Deadline:** April 15

**Contact:** Program Director Sarah Keiski at (541) 346-3846 or [lawadmissions@oregon.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@oregon.edu)

**Website:** <https://law.uoregon.edu/about/diversity/PLUS>

### **LexScholars, AccessLex**

**LexScholars** is a diversity pipeline initiative aimed at learning more about effective methods for increasing law school diversity by providing more than 1,200 aspiring lawyers with resources and guidance to pursue their goal of attending law school. **LexScholars** targets prospective law students from underrepresented racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds who possess potential for law school success but may be unlikely to gain admission due to unfavorable LSAT scores and undergraduate grades. **LexScholars** participants will benefit from access to various resources, including LSAT preparation; law school admission counseling; financial education; wellness training; and writing skills development. There are no costs associated with LexScholars. Some participants will receive stipends and other financial aid.

**Deadline:** First 250 eligible applicants are selected

**Contact:** [LexScholars@accesslex.org](mailto:LexScholars@accesslex.org)

**Website:** <https://www.accesslex.org/lexscholars>

### **Law Scholars Institute, Stanford Law School**

Stanford Law School's SLSI is a leadership and pipeline program for college students from broadly diverse backgrounds and designed to address obstacles that underrepresented minority, first-generation, and low-income undergraduate students in particular might face to accessing legal education. All students are invited to apply.

**COVID-19 Statement:** "It is with deep disappointment that we announce the need to cancel our inaugural Stanford Law Scholars Institute for 2020. We hope to offer the program in the summer of 2021."

**Program Dates:** June 20 – July 3, 2020

**Deadline:** March 30, 2020

**Website:** <https://law.stanford.edu/education/executive-education-special-programs/stanford-law-scholars-institute/#slnav-what-is-stanford-law-schools-law-scholars-institute>