SUMMER 2024 OPPORTUNITY: CILP, IMMFAM, & JOINT CILP-IMMFAM SUMMER FELLOWS

UCLA School of Law's Center for Immigration Law and Policy (CILP) and Immigrant Family Legal Clinic (ImmFam) are seeking rising second-year and third-year law students to join as the 2024 CILP/ImmFam class of Summer Fellows. Students can apply for the joint fellowship, in which interns split their time between CILP’s policy, litigation, and advocacy work and ImmFam’s direct representation for immigrant families and unaccompanied minors. Or, students can apply to be full-time CILP or ImmFam interns if they wish to focus entirely on policy research, litigation, and other advocacy (with CILP) or direct representation and community-based lawyering (with ImmFam).

CILP generates innovative ideas at the intersection of immigration scholarship and practice. It serves as a hub for transforming those ideas into meaningful changes in immigration policy at the local, state, and national level.

The Center has four major substantive priorities, which are to explore:

- How immigration law and immigrants’ rights can be rethought and reworked to be more consistent with racial justice;
- How local and state governments can influence immigration law to better meet local, state, and regional economic needs, while safeguarding and expanding the rights of immigrants;
- How immigration law and policy at the U.S.-Mexico border can be challenged and re-envisioned consistent with principles of dignity and equality, and, relatedly, how the United States can achieve ethical relationships with the countries that noncitizens leave to come here, and with the countries through which they travel;
- How to curb abuses in the immigration enforcement system, with a particular focus on immigrant prisons.

CILP summer fellows will engage in these priority areas. Projects will likely involve legal research, as well as opportunities to apply that research in real-world contexts through litigation, policy advocacy, and communications. Potential topic areas could include research on the “Opportunity For All” campaign, which seeks to establish that State government entities can hire undocumented students for employment consistent with federal law or involvement in CILP’s litigation challenging prolonged detention and combatting states’ attempts to dictate federal immigration policy at the U.S.-Mexico border.

UCLA’s ImmFam clinic, located on the campus of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools in Koreatown, serves immigrant students at the six public schools on the campus, as well as their family members. Summer fellows will be assigned at least one individual student or family to represent in an application for immigration relief, most likely Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, asylum, or a humanitarian visa. They will also have the opportunity to assist
with ImmFam’s community outreach and legal consultations on a wider range of legal topics, with a particular focus on immigrant workers’ rights.

To apply, please send a statement of interest, your resume, and your transcript to cilp@law.ucla.edu with the subject line “CILP Summer Fellow Application.” Please indicate in the text of your email whether you are interested in CILP full-time only, or being considered for a joint or full-time position with ImmFam as well. The expected time commitment is 40 hours/week from late May through early August. CILP summer fellows may participate in a hybrid remote/on-campus setting. For those interested in a joint or full-time position with ImmFam, strong preference will be given to those able to be in Los Angeles and those fluent in Spanish. We welcome applications from all students, regardless of immigration status. Summer fellows may receive compensation, a stipend, or academic credit. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis beginning on January 12, 2024, with preference given to those who submit by that date.