

Deadline: March 5, 2023

# UCLA School of Law

## Law Fellows Program-Central Valley

The Law Fellows Program-Central Valley provides early academic development to high-potential undergraduate students and college graduates. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA achieved at a four-year institution. 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 given to applicants who have overcome economic and/or educational hardships and challenges, or have come from, or demonstrated leadership experience in, economically or educationally underserved communities.

Law Fellows will attend two Saturday Academies on the campus of UC Merced on **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023** and **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Academies may be held remotely or in person, but attendance is mandatory. At each Academy, Fellows will be provided with 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
- LSAT Preparation Counseling
- Presentations by Practicing Attorneys and Leaders in the Law Community
- Follow-Up Activities and Counseling until Law School Matriculation

**Please submit all materials as PDF documents.**

**All applications and supporting materials should be submitted in one, single PDF document.**

**Email to:**

**[Outreach@law.ucla.edu](mailto:Outreach@law.ucla.edu)**

*For more information, contact the Academic Outreach Resource Center  
[Outreach@law.ucla.edu](mailto:Outreach@law.ucla.edu)*



## Family Information

What is the highest level of education attained by each of your parents? Please check only one box for each parent.

### Parent/Guardian 1:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral (e.g., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (more than 2 years)   | <input type="checkbox"/> High School     | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (Grade level: _____ ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (less than 2 years)   | (Grad/GED)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                          |

In what country did they obtain their education? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College(s) (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral (e.g., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (more than 2 years)   | <input type="checkbox"/> High School     | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (Grade level: _____ ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (less than 2 years)   | (Grad/GED)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                          |

In what country did they obtain their education? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College(s) (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

What is/was your parents' primary occupation during their working years?

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_

How much, if any, of your childhood was spent in a single-parent home?

- None                       1 - 5 years                       6 - 10 years                       11 years or more

If your parent(s) are deceased, which are deceased and how old were you when he/she/they died?

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Are/were your parents divorced, permanently separated or never married? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the approximate total income of all the persons living in your parents' household during 2021? If your parents are separated/divorced, provide information for the household where you lived most of the time before college, including any support provided by the absent parent. If your parent(s) is/(are) deceased, or if you have not lived with a parent for the last ten years, please provide information for the last year in which you lived with them.

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If the income level indicated above does not represent the approximate income level of your parents' household during your high school years, please explain.

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What was the approximate net worth (as opposed to income) of both your parents in 2021? If your parents are separated/divorced, please provide the combined net worth of both parents' households. By "net worth," we mean total assets (including home value, bank savings, retirement funds, stocks and bonds, etc.) minus total liabilities (amount owed on home, car payments, loans and other debts.) If your parent(s) is/(are) deceased, or if you have not lived with a parent for the last ten years, please provide information for the last year in which you lived with them.

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Please describe any socio-economic, educational, familial, cultural, or physical hardships or challenges you have overcome. You may attach a separate sheet if you need additional space.

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How many siblings do you have? Do you have children or any other dependents? (Please include the age of each.)

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Have you been a Foster Youth or Ward of the Court? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving educational financial aid for the current academic year? \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*If so, please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter or other equivalent documentation.\*\****

## Academic Information

**\*\*Please attach a copy of all undergraduate transcripts or equivalent documentation, including community college transcripts.\*\*** (Unofficial copies of transcripts are sufficient)

Number of Advanced Placement and/or honors classes taken in high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate minor(s) or area(s) of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

List chronologically (most to least recent) all high schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions attended. Please include the institution you are currently attending and complete as thoroughly as possible.

| Name of high school, college or university | Entered Month/Year | Withdrew Month/Year | Units | Cumulative G.P.A. | Degree Conferred <b>and</b> Date Received/Expected |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
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If applicable, please describe any circumstances that negatively affected your academic record.

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Please briefly list any academic prizes, distinctions or honors you have received.

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Please describe any research projects in which you have participated (Prior research is not required for admission to the program).

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## Testing and Law School Application Information

**\*\*Please note that neither having taken the ACT/SAT and/or LSAT nor initiation of the law school application process are requirements for admission to the program.\*\***

Your highest score on the ACT/SAT I: \_\_\_\_\_

The SAT I you took was scored on the:

- 1600 scale
- 2400 scale

How did you prepare for the ACT/ SAT I: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please specify when you took the LSAT and the score(s) you received: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently planning to take the LSAT, please indicate your intended test date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in, or have you taken, an LSAT preparatory course? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please specify the course date and name of the course provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently applying to law school to enroll in 2023? \_\_\_\_\_

If known, what area(s) of law are you interested in studying or practicing? (An answer to this question is not required for admission to the program).

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## Public/Community Service, Volunteer and/or Extracurricular Activities

Please describe significant public/community service, volunteer and/or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved, and any related leadership positions you have held.

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## Employment

Please list significant employment, including dates and number of hours worked per week. Please include a résumé (if available).

| Name of Employer | Dates            |                | Hours Per Week | Position |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
|                  | Begin Month/Year | End Month/Year |                |          |
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Please check the box that best describes the number of hours you worked for pay during a typical week for each academic year of college:

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|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| First Year:  | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |
| Second Year: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |
| Third Year:  | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |
| Fourth Year: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |
| Fifth Year:  | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |
| Sixth Year:  | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 - 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ |

## Fluency in Other Languages

Please list all languages, other than English, in which you can speak or write, and indicate your degree of proficiency in each. Please briefly describe how you acquired your knowledge of each language.

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## Disability

If you wish, please bring to our attention any disability that might bear on our interpretation of your credentials or for which we may need to make accommodations to facilitate your participation in the program.

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## **Personal Statement**

Please provide a separate essay not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages. Describe any other matters relevant to your background, attributes, experiences, interests or perspectives that would enable you to make a distinctive contribution to the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley, law school, or the legal profession. Examples of matters to address may include any or all of the following: significant hardships or challenges overcome; unusual life experiences; evidence of and potential for leadership; demonstrated commitment to serving underserved communities; etc. For additional guidance, please refer to the description of the program on the cover page attached to this application.



## Racial/Ethnic Survey (Optional; to be used for statistical purposes only)

The following information enables UCLA School of Law to comply with statistical reporting requirements of federal law and accrediting agencies. When making decisions about which individuals will be admitted to our programs, we do not use race, religion, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin as criteria for admission.

The University of California is required by the U.S. Department of Education to ask you to answer the following two questions on race/ethnicity:

1a. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

Includes persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin

- Yes
- No

1b. In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories as appropriate for you.

- African American or Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

2. For University of California purposes, to help us understand the diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds of our students, which of the following groups best describes your background? Check as many categories as may apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Asian                        | Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban/Cuban American                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese/Chinese American (except Taiwanese) | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American/Latino                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino/Filipino American                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese/Japanese American                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean/Korean American                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic, or of Spanish origin      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwanese/Taiwanese American                | White/Caucasian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese/Vietnamese American              | <input type="checkbox"/> European/European descent                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian/Asian American                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other White/Caucasian                     |

## Statement of Authority and Participation; Permissions

I hereby apply for admission to the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley and understand that any material submitted will not be returned. I certify that all information provided herein is true and correct. I agree to provide, if requested, any official documentation necessary to verify the information provided. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation on this form may result in cancellation of acceptance to the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley, or if discovered after admission, may be grounds for dismissal from the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley.

I authorize the University to contact the colleges, universities, employers and recommenders indicated in my application and accompanying material to verify the accuracy of anything contained in the application and accompanying material. I understand that missing information may jeopardize the timely processing of my application. The Law Fellows Program-Central Valley maintains the information I provide on my application. I have the right, according to the law, to have access to this information.

If accepted to the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley, I will participate fully in the program and abide by all the requirements of the program, including attending all Saturday Academies, workshops, special presentations and group events.

If accepted to the Law Fellows Program-Central Valley, I grant permission to the Academic Outreach Resource Center to: (i) access and review my transcripts, Degree Progress Report and other academic documentation for counseling and statistical reporting purposes; and (ii) use my name, photograph, and image in various promotional materials (newsletters, website, brochures, etc.).

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**Please submit all materials as PDF documents.**

**All applications and supporting materials should be submitted in one, single PDF document.**

**Email to:**

**[Outreach@law.ucla.edu](mailto:Outreach@law.ucla.edu)**

The following materials constitute a completed application packet:

- Application
- Financial Aid Award Letter (if applicable)
- Personal Statement
- Résumé (optional)
- Transcript(s) (unofficial acceptable)

Please retain copies of all material submitted.