

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:

1. Have ties to the Central Valley of California, such as having lived in, gone to school in, or have a desire to work in this area after law school.
2. Applicants must have at least a 3.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA achieved at a four-year institution.
3. A strong preference is given to applicants who have overcome economic and/or educational hardships and challenges. We look closely at whether someone received a Pell grant, CA Dream Act Grant or other need-based aid grant in college, and at those with minimal familial financial assets.
4. Additional consideration is granted to first-generation college students, whose experiences reflect limited familial exposure to career opportunities, mentoring, and social support systems and to those who exhibit service and commitment to under-resourced communities.

Law Fellows will attend two Saturday Academies which will be virtual on **April 25, 2026** and **June, 20 2026**. 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 demystify 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 through the application collection site through Google Forms in one, single PDF document.

Application Submission: <https://forms.gle/h3kAcHrfuKzjEXt5A>
Letter of Recommendation Submission (Optional): <https://forms.gle/314qXdVHfew1c5Qw5>
***Note: You must sign in with a Google account to complete the form."**

*For more information, contact the Academic Outreach Resource Center
Outreach@law.ucla.edu*

Deadline March 10, 2026

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**UCLA School of Law
Law Fellows Program-Central Valley Application**

Please type or print. (Verification of all information may be requested.)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Mailing Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Above address good until (please specify date): _____

Telephone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Permanent Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Permanent Telephone (____) _____

E-mail address (primary) _____ E-mail address (secondary) _____

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____
City State or Country Month/Day/Year

Age _____ Gender _____

Student ID# (If applicable) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____
Name

Telephone (____) _____

How did you hear about the Law Fellows Program?

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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 years or more |
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If your parent(s) are deceased, which are deceased and how old were you when he/she/they died?

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 2024? 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.

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

What was the approximate net worth (as opposed to income) of both your parents in 2024? 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.

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.

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

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

Have you ever been the recipient of a Pell Grant, CA Grant or CA Dream Act Grant? _____

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 and Date Received/Expected |
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If applicable, please describe any circumstances that negatively affected your academic record.

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

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

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 begin in 2026? _____

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

- ☐ African American/Black
- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native

- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Asian American/Asian

- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Chinese/Chinese American (except Taiwanese)
- ☐ Filipino/Filipino American
- ☐ Japanese/Japanese American
- ☐ Korean/Korean American
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Taiwanese/Taiwanese American
- ☐ Vietnamese/Vietnamese American
- ☐ Other Asian/Asian American

Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin

- ☐ Cuban/Cuban American
- ☐ Latin American/Latino
- ☐ Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Other Hispanic, or of Spanish origin

White/Caucasian

- ☐ European/European descent
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ 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.).

Applicant's Signature

Date

Printed Name

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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.