

Admissions Information

- All applicants must complete an online application available at www.TFAS.org/legalstudies
- All applicants must be first or second year law students who will have completed at least one year of study at an accredited law school by the start of the Institute
- Admissions and scholarship decisions are made on a rolling basis, so students are encouraged to apply as early as possible so as to improve their chances of admission and scholarship consideration
- All supplemental materials including an official transcript and letter of recommendation, must be received by the deadline for consideration
- All students completing applications for the Early Deadline will receive a 5% discount on their tuition balance

Deadlines

- January 30, 2009.....Early Deadline (5% Discount)
- March 20, 2009.....Final Deadline

Program Costs

- Tuition: \$2,200
- Housing: \$2,300

Scholarships

The Fund for American Studies makes every effort to make the Institute accessible and affordable to outstanding students, regardless of their financial status.

- Awards are based on academic excellence, leadership ability and financial need
- Scholarship application is available within the online application found at www.TFAS.org/legalstudies and must be submitted with the rest of the application

Legal Studies Institute

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“ This experience has given me real insight into public interest practice and the everyday business of protecting basic rights. I am reassured that my goal to make a difference in the government and the everyday lives of the American public is possible, and I am already doing it! ”

Danielle Nasr, University of Texas
Legal Intern, EPIC.org

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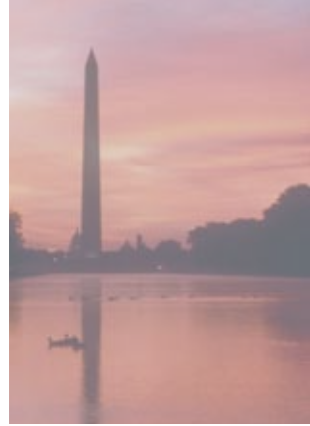
Why Apply?

- Complete package that includes housing on Capitol Hill, a legal internship placement, constitutional law course for credit, professional networking opportunities and special events
- Approximately 360 hours of legal internship experience
- Opportunity to interact with other law students from all over the U.S.
- Access to an active alumni network of over 10,000 worldwide

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Overview

What better place to gain valuable legal experience than Washington, D.C., where laws are made, changed and interpreted?

The Fund for American Studies invites first and second year law students to attend its Legal Studies Institute (LSI) and gain first-hand exposure to the American legal system.

A ten-week summer program, LSI combines legal internships, academic coursework, networking opportunities and career development activities.

The Institute will give participants the opportunity to meet and interact with leaders in the legal profession enabling them to build a valuable professional network as they enter careers in law. Enrollment will be limited to allow participants to have significant personal interaction with speakers and instructors.

Housing

Participants will be housed in furnished apartments in the Capitol Hill neighborhood in downtown Washington. Each apartment has one or more bedrooms, a full kitchen, one or more full baths, washer/dryer and a living/dining area. There will be two students living in each bedroom. Students who wish to find their own accommodations must inform the Institute staff upon acceptance to the program.

“The Institute gave me the guidance and mentoring I need to make the most of my legal education, while laying the groundwork for a successful and meaningful career”



Seminar on Constitutional Law

Participants will attend a week-long seminar on Constitutional law taught by leading legal scholars. The course is accredited through New York Law School and participants may choose to transfer credit back to their university.

The seminar will examine the U.S. Constitution, the values on which it is based and the contributions it has made to policy, governance and democracy in the United States. The program’s academic emphasis will be on the historical and philosophical arguments for limited, constitutional government. Current issues at the forefront of legal debate will be discussed such as the modern clash between “original intent” and the idea of a “living Constitution.”

Briefings & Activities

In addition to the core Institute curriculum, the program will include weekly activities such as:

- Briefings at institutions of the judicial and executive branches
- Meetings and discussions with prominent judges, lawyers and judicial scholars
- Panel discussions at headquarters of national think tanks and legal organizations
- Social events designed to foster networking
- Tours of national monuments and historical points of interest

Attorney Mentor Program

Each participant will be matched with an experienced lawyer who will serve as a professional mentor. Attorney mentors will meet with participants throughout the summer to provide professional guidance and advice for succeeding in law school and beyond. A student’s mentor will be a professional resource for students throughout their law school and professional careers.



above: Bob Levy of the Cato Institute speaks to Institute students.

Legal Internship Placements

LSI participants will be placed in a nine-week legal internship where they will gain substantive experience in the legal profession. Internship sites will include law firms, lobbying firms, public interest legal organizations and the legal departments of trade associations, corporations and government agencies. The Institute’s staff will work to place students in internships that match their interests and skills and meet the needs of the internship site. Internships are generally unpaid, although some sites may provide a stipend.

Past Legal Internship Sites Include:

American Cancer Society	International Law Institute
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	Jeff Downey, Attorney at Law
Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLP	Koch Industries
Better Business Bureau Council, Inc.	McDermott Will & Emery
Bureau of National Affairs – Legal Publishing, Inc.	National Immigration Law Center
Cato Institute	Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights
Council for Marketing and Opinion Research	Rubicon Advisors
Electronic Privacy Information Center	Stein, Mitchell & Mezines
	Teva Pharmaceuticals
	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
	Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP

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