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# Roscoe Pound Summer Fellowship

## OVERVIEW and DETAILS

The Pound Civil Justice Institute, a legal, educational non-profit think tank, offers a Roscoe Pound Summer Fellowship ("Pound Fellowship"). The Fellowship is a paid 8-week internship in Washington, D.C. where students will conduct research on topics relating to the civil justice system, will have practical experience in plaintiffs' law, and will travel to the annual convention of the American Association for Justice in Boston (July 21-25, 2017). The Pound Fellowship provides a $5,000 stipend and is open to law school students of any level.

The Fellowship seeks to honor the work of Roscoe Pound, Dean of Harvard Law School from 1916 to 1936 and one of America's great legal thinkers, by providing an opportunity for law students to experience first-hand the important work of plaintiffs' law, and the importance of an accessible civil justice system.

### Application Deadline
Applications must be received **by 5 pm EST on Friday, April 7th, 2017**. Submit applications (electronically or hard copy) to:

> Mary Collishaw, Executive Director
> Pound Civil Justice Institute
> mary.collishaw@poundinstitute.org
> 777 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 200
> Washington, DC 20001
> 202-944-2841
> fax: 202-298-6390
> http://poundinstitute.org

**Complete applications must include:**

- ☐ **Application Form**
- ☐ **Personal Statement**
- ☐ **Resume**
- ☐ **Two Recommendation Letters**
- ☐ **Unofficial transcript**

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## REQUIREMENTS and ELIGIBILITY

1. **This Fellowship is open to any level law school student.**
   a. **Full-time or part-time law students:** You are eligible if you are currently attending an accredited U.S. law school and have completed at least one full semester by the application deadline.

2. **Applicants will be required to work on-site in Washington, D.C.**
   a. Applicants will split their time between the Pound Civil Justice Institute's offices and specific law firm offices in Washington, D.C.

3. **Applicants should commit to working 30 hours per week for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks.**
   a. Start date is negotiable. However, applicants must be available to travel to Boston on July 21-25, 2017.

4. **Factors for consideration in awarding the Pound Fellowship:**
   a. Applicants must demonstrate a dedication to the principles of access to the civil justice system. Interest is shown by:
      i. Volunteer and/or paid work experience.
      ii. Participation in student organizations.
   b. Other factors that will be considered include:
      i. Your commitment and intentions as demonstrated in the personal statement.
   c. Academic achievement

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## <u>APPLICATION FORM</u>

Name: _____

Law School: _____

Law School Year: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Summer Address (if different): _____

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Legal areas of interest: _____

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\*\*Include two (2) letters of recommendation written by individuals having direct experience with the candidate in an academic, volunteer or work setting. Include contact information for recommendations for possible follow-up by the Institute.

### <u>Certification</u>

My signature below indicates that everything I have included in my Roscoe Pound Fellowship application is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

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### PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement allows you to inform us of your commitment to the ideals of plaintiffs' work.  It is an important part of the application, should not exceed one single-spaced page, and must address the following topics:

I.      What attracts you to plaintiffs' work?

II.     Why are you interested in obtaining a summer position with the Pound Civil Justice Institute?  Please explain your goals.

III.    What sort of impact do you think plaintiffs' law has on the greater legal system, and on consumer and civil rights?

IV.    If applicable, select an example of plaintiff's work that you have participated in previously and explain its significance.  Alternately, select a civil action that is meaningful to you, and explain why.

V.     Please provide any other information you think we would find useful.