



Lynn Walker Huntley Social Justice Fellowship Frequently Asked Questions

What can I expect to learn from this fellowship? How will it help my legal career?

The Lynn Walker Huntley Social Justice Fellowship will provide early-career attorneys with the opportunity to build their research, policy analysis and litigation skills, while focusing specifically on education equity. The fellow will also learn about the legislative process and key policymakers and advocates in the five southern states that will be the focus of the fellowship.

Who is eligible to apply for the fellowship?

The Lynn Walker Huntley Social Justice Fellowship is open to third-year law students who have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. Applicants with grade point averages just slightly lower, who otherwise have exceedingly strong applications will still be considered. The fellowship will begin after the selected fellow has graduated law school.

What is the duration of the fellowship?

The Lynn Walker Huntley Social Justice Fellow will have a two-year tenure and candidates are expected to commit to the full two years.

When will the fellowship begin?

The fellowship will begin in September of 2022 and end in August of 2024.

Must the fellow work in the Southern Education Foundation office or can they work remotely?

The fellow will be required to work at least part of the time in the Southern Education Foundation office, but it may be possible to negotiate working remotely on certain days.

Is relocating to Atlanta required?

The fellow will be required to relocate to Atlanta for the duration of the fellowship.

How much travel will this fellowship involve?

It's difficult to predict just how much travel will be involved in the fellowship as it won't begin until September 2022, but candidates should anticipate that there will be some travel and some of it may require an overnight stay. All travel expenses associated with the fellowship will be either covered or reimbursed.

Does the fellow have to pass the Georgia bar exam?

While we do want the fellow to pass the bar exam, it does not have to be the Georgia bar. Ideally, however, the fellow will pass the bar exam in one of the 17 states in the SEF footprint. Those are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Who will supervise the fellow?

The Southern Education Foundation's Director of Government Affairs & Advocacy will directly supervise the fellow, but the fellow will also interface with SEF's President & CEO and receive support and mentoring from staff at the Southern Poverty Law Center, as well.

As a Lynn Walker Huntley Social Justice Fellow will I be eligible for the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program?

The fellow may be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness but should review the eligibility guidelines on the U.S. Department of Education's website regarding this program.
<https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

What kind of format should I use for the attachments that I send?

Two writing samples, your resume, law school transcripts, and letters of recommendation should all be submitted as PDFs to lwhfellowship@southerneducation.org. Please include your name in the email subject line.

Other than law professors, from what kinds of individuals can provide letters of recommendation?

Other individuals who may serve as references include previous employers, previous supervisors at volunteer, fellowship, or internship programs, practicing attorneys, and judges.