

The Fund for American Studies
Summer Law Fellowship Policies
Acknowledgment, Agreement and Release of Liability

For value received, and upon signing and submitting this Internship Acknowledgment, Agreement, and Release of Liability, I confirm that I wish to participate in The Fund for American Studies Summer Law Fellowship.

I agree to abide by The Fund for American Studies policies and procedures, as detailed herein and as communicated to me, as well as all federal, state, and local laws. I understand that my participation in the Summer Law Fellowship may be terminated by The Fund for American Studies or by me at any time, with or without cause, regardless of any agreements in conjunction with my participation. I understand that The Fund for American Studies cannot and does not guarantee that any particular experience or learning goals and objectives will be achieved.

FELLOWSHIP ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

The Fund for American Studies expects each fellow to attend every academic and co-curricular session, complete all reading assignments, and participate actively in class discussions. Fellows are also expected to adhere to scheduled internship hours and complete all internship assignments.

Attendance will be recorded at all program events (excluding optional social events), and fellows must ask permission of the professor and TFAS staff to be absent from any class or mandatory event. Failure to regularly attend all scheduled fellowship events will result in dismissal from the program.

If a fellow is removed from the program or terminated from his or her internship, there will be no refund of money paid, and travel costs will be the responsibility of the fellow. Removal from the program will also include forfeiture of the internship and housing.

RESPECT

The Fund for American Studies expects participants in its programs to treat the staff, professors, intern supervisors, speakers, alumni, fellow participants and any other people they come into contact with during the program with respect and consideration. Actions by any fellow that are seen as physically or verbally abusive to others are regarded as serious offenses. Participants must understand that such abusive behavior is subject to disciplinary action and likely dismissal from the program. Participants are required to abide by all applicable policies and procedures of George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, including but not limited to, policies related to discrimination, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, alcohol and drug use, and any case resolution process established for resolution of these and other issues. See for example: <http://waves.gmu.edu/mason-policies/>. The fellow acknowledges that it is the participant's responsibility to know and abide by these and any other policies which apply to the fellow while participating in the program and residing on the Washington Intern Student Housing.

COURSE

All participants must take the required the 2-credit course as well as participate in internships, guest lectures and other required fellowship activities. Fellows must take the class for a grade that will subsequently appear on their George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School transcript. The course may not be taken for pass/fail credit and may not be audited.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Fellows are expected to hold academic integrity in the highest regard and TFAS will not tolerate dishonesty, cheating or plagiarism of any kind. Failure to follow procedure in class, at internship sites, or George Mason University School of Law policy, is subject to disciplinary action and likely dismissal from the program. Plagiarism shall be defined as submitting another person's work, whether previously published or not, as your own, or taking portions of another person's work, whether published or not, and presenting them as your own in your work without properly attributing them to the person who created the work. Fabrication of work for a class or internship is also not tolerated. While any allegations of violations of the honor code are to be submitted to the Associate Dean for Administration and Student Affairs of George Mason University School of Law (<http://org.law.gmu.edu/honor/>), TFAS retains the right to take disciplinary action and/or dismiss a participant from the fellowship in the absence of an adverse finding by Mason Law the Honor Committee.

HOUSING

Fellows are not required to live in housing provided by TFAS. Fellows must abide by housing regulations, and the roommate contract that is distributed. The Fund for American Studies and WISH (Washington Intern Student Housing) are not responsible for any damage to or loss of personal property while living in program housing and participants are encouraged to carry renters insurance for the duration of the program. Any damage to apartments will be assessed to all inhabitants. Roommate and housing assignments will be made prior to the fellowship start date. TFAS staff reserves the right to make changes as necessary during the program.

INSURANCE

I understand that The Fund for American Studies will not provide me with any employee benefits such as health insurance, and I understand that I am responsible for obtaining and sustaining my own health/medical or auto insurance coverages. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment.

RISK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that my participation in the fellowship, to include any travel associated with it and residing in Washington Intern Student Housing, could involve risk of bodily or psychological injury (including illness), property damage or theft, or death, economic or emotional loss, and I accept and fully understand these risks. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or another's actions, inaction, or negligence, conditions related to travel, or the condition or location of the program or housing. **Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known and unknown to me, of my participation in the fellowship, residing on the Washington Intern Student Housing, including travel to, from and during the program.** I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to participate only in those activities of which I am physically capable.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

The internship is a professional experience, and fellows should plan to dress accordingly. Depending on the internship site, a coat and tie with dress slacks or a business suit may be appropriate for men, and a skirt and blouse, dress, or business suit may be appropriate for women. Fellows are required to check with their internship supervisor before the start of the program to confirm appropriate business attire for their internship. Site briefings, lectures and panel discussions are considered business meetings and professional attire is required.

ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

I agree to participate fully in all aspects of the fellowship, which includes attending all scheduled classes, lectures, site briefings, and internship work hours. I understand that attendance is MANDATORY at all events scheduled by The Fund for American Studies unless otherwise noted and that an unexcused absence warrants dismissal from the program and/or forfeiture of any scholarship aid from The Fund for American Studies.

I understand that acceptance of credit for courses and/or internships is dependent upon the policies of my law school.

I agree to abide by all rules and policies set forth in the policies listed above and any other policies communicated to me by The Fund for American Studies.

GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE OF CLAIMS

In consideration of the opportunity and experience afforded me, with full knowledge and appreciation of the risks involved, I hereby release and hold harmless The Fund for American Studies and its directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns, and their respective heirs, personal representatives, and affiliates, from all form and manner of risks inherent or relating to such participation in the program, including but not limited to, any related travel, residing in Washington Intern Student Housing, claims of The Fund for American Studies' negligence, resulting in any physical or psychological injury, illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this program, residing in Washington Intern Student Housing, including travel to, from and during the fellowship, and I waive all claims and demands of any nature arising from my participation in the fellowship and residing in Washington Intern Student Housing which I may have against The Fund for American Studies, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns, and affiliates. I agree and understand that this liability waiver will extend beyond the dates of this Agreement and fellowship participation.

I understand and agree that this Release contains the entire agreement between the parties, and that the terms of this Agreement are contractual and not merely a recital. Furthermore, this Release and Agreement shall be binding upon the undersigned, and respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

I am 18 years or older. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing The Fund for American Studies from all liability, (b) promising not to sue The Fund for American Studies, and (c) assuming all risks of participating in this program, including travel to, from and during the program, and residing Washington Intern Student Housing.

I acknowledge that my failure to adhere to the terms of this Agreement constitutes grounds for immediate dismissal from participation in the fellowship at the sole discretion of The Fund for American Studies.

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the District of Columbia. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining items.

I hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to read and review this form and have it reviewed by legal counsel if I deem necessary. I understand the foregoing and hereby agree to be bound by same. I am signing it freely, and no other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Print Full Legal Name: _____