

Building Careers | Empowering Students | Fostering Alliances | Sustaining Connections

Law Scholars for Change is a scholarship-clerkship-fellowship program committed to cultivating the education, practical experience, scholarship and life work of a distinguished group of aspiring animal and environmental law students and attorneys focused on the end of industrial animal agriculture.

Together we strive to end industrial animal agriculture through heightened public awareness, advocacy, policy reform, and the utilization of both existing and innovative legislation.

For Students

Merit-based scholarships are offered through the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALS) at Lewis & Clark School of Law. We also provide financial support for clerkships and internships.

Tuition Scholarships

Scholarships are available to 2L and 3L law students who plan to dedicate their professional career to defending animal rights and particularly, to seek the end of industrial animal agriculture. Annual scholarship amounts begin at \$6,000 and are expected to grow over time.

Environmental & Animal Law Tuition Scholarship (new 2024-'25)

Students pursuing a Certificate in Environmental and/or Animal Law and who intend to specialize in the impacts of industrial animal agriculture on the environment, may apply for scholarship support. Annual scholarship amounts begin at \$6,000 and are expected to grow over time.

Clerkships and Internships

Whether it is a clerkship with a Center for Animal Law professor or a position at a partner organization, financial assistance is provided to motivated animal and environmental law students who wish to go beyond the classroom, gain experience and build connections in preparation for a lifelong career in the field.

Additional Support

Financial support is provided for student symposia, lectures and special projects of the ALDF student chapter at Lewis & Clark.

No-cost tickets to the annual Animal Law Conference are made available to CALS students, environmental law students and media professionals who can raise public awareness of the many harms caused by industrial animal agriculture.

For Graduates

Facilitating the transition between law school and a permanent career in the field.

Clerkships

Available to graduates focused on ending industrial animal agriculture and who wish to gain experience in the field. Clerkships are typically of limited duration, may be remote and part time depending on the project and the organizations' need. Stipends begin at \$5,500 and are expected to grow over time.

Fellowships

Fellowship opportunities will be offered over time. These are typically full-time, post-graduate opportunities.

Career Assistance

The ultimate goal to end industrial animal agriculture relies on many factors including the success of Law Scholars for Change Fellows in achieving excellence. We seek to provide a bridge to careers with referrals, introductions to thought leaders and funders, and job references.

For the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALS)

Law Scholars for Change provides financial assistance to build and support the capacity of the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALS), helping CALS continue to be the leader in animal law.

The Fellows Network

All students and graduates who have received support from Law Scholars for Change, automatically become program Fellows and are enrolled in the Fellows Network. The Network is designed to enable long-term communications between Fellows and, between Fellows and the program founders.

Fellows receive:

- Cross-exchange between members on projects, needs and opportunities
- Referrals by the founders to partner organizations
- Seed grants for special projects

Partners

Partner organizations are integral to the program. We work closely with valued partners and educators to provide our Fellows with opportunities to develop relationships and build careers.

Current partners include the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Outlook, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School, Center for Biological Diversity, Farm Sanctuary, FarmStand, Mercy for Animals, New Roots Institute, Teach HEART humane education; and We Animals Media.

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