

Food and Agriculture Law LLM Graduate Fellow

Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law is hiring a Food and Agriculture Law Graduate Fellow. The Fellow will work part time with the Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative and the Food and Beverage Law Clinic while working towards an LLM in Environmental Law.

About the Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative and the Food and Beverage Law Clinic

The Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative launched in Fall 2015 as a collaboration between the Elisabeth Haub School of Law Environmental Law Program and the Natural Resources Defense Council. The Initiative's mission is to expand access to legal services for farmers, food entrepreneurs, and food justice organizations by increasing capacity of the legal community to meet those needs through education of law students and training of lawyers. Legal services are vital to empower transitions to a more just and sustainable food system. In order to implement innovative practices, farmers, entrepreneurs, and other activists must navigate a complicated legal landscape governing everything from land access to legal entity structuring to food labels. The Initiative seeks both to provide some of these necessary legal services and to train a larger community of lawyers to understand food and agriculture issues. The Food and Beverage Law Clinic, which launched in January 2017, provides direct transactional legal services to clients in order to strengthen food sovereignty in disadvantaged communities, foster growth of alternative economic models of food production and distribution, and promote the emergence of a climate friendly food system. At the same time, the Clinic teaches students fundamental transactional lawyering skills, aids students in the development of a professional identity, and helps students think analytically and critically about the law and the role of lawyers in food systems.

Since 1978, Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law has provided an internationally acclaimed environmental legal education. Our dedicated faculty have been pioneers in developing and implementing environmental law and continue to serve as national and world leaders in the field. Our alumni are at work in law firms, government agencies, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and law schools and universities across the country and around the world. We offer more than 40 environmental law courses, including several food law courses. We are the only top environmental law program less than forty minutes away by train from New York City and two hours away by air from Washington, DC, providing students with easy access to outstanding practice opportunities. For more information, visit law.pace.edu/environment.

Responsibilities

- Assist with the Food and Beverage Law Clinic's client work, student supervision, and clinic seminar
- Coordinate planning for Food Law Initiative training programs, including developing curriculum and identifying speakers
- Edit and maintain the Food Law Initiative's social media pages
- Assist with conferences, meetings, and publications
- Act as a liaison to law school student Food and Agriculture Law organization
- Meet and communicate with prospective students to discuss the Food Law Initiative
- Work on new program initiatives as they are developed and implemented
- Other projects and duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Candidate for the LLM in Environmental Law degree at Elisabeth Haub School of Law
- Member in good standing of a state Bar, or eligible for admission and able to become a member during the fellowship
- Strong academic qualifications
- Excellent professional and communication skills
- Strong writing ability
- Excellent organization and administrative skills
- A demonstrated interest in food law (defined broadly)

Compensation

- Full-tuition waiver for LLM degree
- Modest stipend

Start Date (flexible)

This position runs a calendar year, August 2020 to August 2021. Set weekly hours (17-20) are required throughout the duration of the appointment.

Location

White Plains, NY (Westchester County; 35 minutes north of Grand Central by train)

How to apply – You must complete **BOTH** Steps 1 and 2

Step 1: Apply for the LLM in Environmental Law: <https://law.pace.edu/graduate/how-apply-llm-and-sjd-applicants>

Step 2: Submit a cover letter (detailing your interest in this fellowship), resume or curriculum vitae, and list of three (3) references to: <https://careers.pace.edu/postings/14903>

For more information, visit www.law.pace.edu/environment

Questions? Email Inga Caldwell, Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs at icaldwell@law.pace.edu

Pace is committed to achieving completely equal opportunity in all aspects of University life. Applications are encouraged from people of color, individuals of varied sexual and affectional orientations, individuals who are differently-abled, veterans of the armed forces or national service, and anyone whose background and experience will contribute to the diversity of the law school.