



Public Interest  
Law Institute

**Application Form for the  
Public Interest Law Fellows Program 2010-2011**

*Please be sure to read the Program Announcement accompanying this application carefully before submission. Please type or write in capital letters.*

**I. Personal Information**

Name (Last Name, First Name):

Personal Address (which should be used for your mail):

Telephone:

Fax:

Email Address:

**II. Employment**

Present place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/telefax/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of immediate supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Membership in Your Country's Bar Association: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Languages

**English:** Please note level and provide a copy of your TOEFL report or other English language test, if possible.

	elementary	intermediate	good	advanced
Spoken				
Reading				
Written				

Other Languages (use additional space, if necessary):

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	elementary	intermediate	good	advanced
Spoken				
Reading				
Written				

#### **IV. Statement of Interest**

A statement of interest describing relevant previous experiences in public interest advocacy activities (Maximum 1000 words)

**V. Attachments**

Please attach the following documents to your application:

1. Your curriculum vitae or resume.
  2. A letter from the nominating organization/institution where you are employed, supporting your application to the Fellowship program.
  3. A description of a project that you would like to work on during the first semester of the program. Projects should be specific and have practical significance to the nominating organization. (Maximum 2500 words)
  4. Two recommendation letters, one from an individual outside the nominating organization/institution.
  5. A copy of your law school transcript.
  6. If applicable, a copy of your own country's bar association membership, or the date scheduled for your examination (please explain if this is not applicable to you).
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Applications should be sent by electronic mail or regular post to:

**Jessy Teicher**  
**Program Coordinator**  
**333 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. 14<sup>th</sup> Floor.**  
**New York, NY 10001, USA**  
**E-mail: pilifellowship@pili.org**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, all the information included in this application is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 2010-2011 PILI FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

### ***Public Interest Law Fellows Program Seeks Candidates from China, Indonesia, Nepal, Russia, and Serbia***

The Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) is pleased to invite applications for its Public Interest Law Fellows Program for 2010–2011. PILI will select lawyers from China, Indonesia, Nepal, Russia, and Serbia for ten months of study and practical experience in New York and Budapest, Hungary. The program targets future leaders in various fields of public interest advocacy.

*PILI Fellows will join other public interest lawyers from around the world. They will reside a total of eight months in the U.S. The first semester will include study at Columbia University School of Law and additional public interest advocacy training. In the spring, Fellows will participate in a three-month period of internships at New York-based public interest law organizations and a two-month study visit based out of PILI's Budapest office. Fellows return to their home countries after the Fellowship, with the aim to implement the project developed during the Fellowship.*

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PILI will cover the cost of a round-trip coach airfare to the U.S. and Budapest, housing in New York and Budapest, a monthly stipend, a textbook allowance and accident insurance. Selected candidates for the fellowship are required to sign an agreement to the terms of the fellowship, stating that they will complete it in full.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Public interest leadership potential of the candidate in his or her country (minimum of two years working experience with the organization is required);
- The nature of the candidate's relationship with the nominating organization;
- Track record of the nominating organization in promoting public interest advocacy; and
- The quality of the Fellowship Project proposal and its potential for promoting public interest law and human rights.

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#### **Application Requirements:**

*Applicants must submit the following documents:*

- *A completed program application form.*
- *A curriculum vitae or resume.*
- *A nominating letter from the organization where they are employed, supporting their application to the program and indicating how the Fellowship would be a benefit to the organization/institution.*
- *Two recommendation letters, one from an individual outside the nominating organization*
- *A description of a project that the applicant would like to work on during the first semester of the program, ideally with practical significance to their work upon return home.*
- *A copy of the applicant's law school transcript.*
- *A copy of the applicant's bar association membership, if available.*
- *Information on the nominating organization/institution and additional recommendations are also encouraged, although not required.*

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*Submission via e-mail of application materials is strongly encouraged, though materials may also be submitted via regular mail. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. If*

*an application is submitted without one of the required components, it will be disqualified, unless the applicant can justify why he/she cannot obtain the required information.*

The **DEADLINE** for receiving applications at PILI is **March 31, 2010**. For more information and application forms, please contact Jessy Teicher, Program Coordinator, by e-mail: [pilifellowship@pili.org](mailto:pilifellowship@pili.org). Printed applications can be sent via mail to the address on the application.

Please note, PILI cannot provide any financial or logistical assistance for accompanying family members, including securing suitable family housing. Moreover, Columbia University requires evidence of financial support for accompanying family members prior to issuing official invitations to them. Providing proof of the requisite financial support for accompanying family members will be the responsibility of the applicant.