

2015-2016 Community Fellows Application

Application Due: Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00pm (noon)

The Office of Student Life is seeking 14-16 upper class students to serve as Community Fellows to the incoming class of 2018. The Community Fellows Program was established to assist first year students become acclimated to law school and the culture of UCI School of Law; create a sense of community among first year students and the larger UCI Law community; and provide information and resources that will assist first year students with the transition to law school.

The Role of the Community Fellow

- Assist first year students with their transition to law school by providing information and resources that will help students acclimate to the law school experience and the culture of UCI Law.
- Create a sense of community among the first year students, upper class students and the larger UCI Law community through participation in first year programs and community building programs.
- Act as a point person for first year students with questions related to class preparation, outlining, exams, job search, housing, and social life by providing the student perspective and making referrals when appropriate.

Community Fellow Job Duties and Requirements

- Attend Community Fellow trainings on Thursday, April 9 from 3:00pm 5:00pm in LAW 3500 and in August, details TBD at UCI Law.
- Participate in New Student Orientation (**August 12-14**) by attending meal programs, assisting with campus tours and facilitating a "what to expect in law school" discussion with your advisees. (Approximately 5 7 hrs; *Please note that if you intend to try out for *Law Review*, we understand that there may be schedule conflicts and we will work with you.)
- Assist the Director of Student Life in developing and implementing community building programs.
 (3 per semester; you should plan to attend all of them and lead 1 of them; approximately 20 hours over the course of a semester)
- Plan and implement at least 1 small group event each semester with your assigned small group. (Approximately 10 hours over the course of a semester.)

- Be available to answer questions via email and in person when needed.
- Attend Community Fellows meetings twice a month with the Director of Student Life.
- Community Fellows must have a GPA of 2.5 or above.

Benefits for Community Fellows

- Each Community Fellow will receive funding to host small group events.
- Community Fellows will be able to list this position as a leadership activity on their resume.
- They will have a positive impact on incoming students and the UCI Law community.

Community Fellows Selection Process

New Applicants

If you are interested in becoming a Community Fellow for the 2013-2014 academic year, please send a copy of your resume, along with a brief (500 word limit) statement addressing:

- Why you would be a strong Community Fellow
- What experience you have that relates to this role
- Any program ideas you have for community building, or a favorite program you attended

All materials are due by Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00pm (noon) to Jennah Jones in suite 1000. You will sign up for an interview when you turn in your application.

Returning Applicants

If you served as a Community Fellow for 2014--2015, please submit a brief (500 word limit) statement addressing:

- What you would do differently as a second year Community Fellow
- How you would improve the overall program for next year
- Any program ideas you have for community building

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Applicants will sign up for a 15-20 minute interview, held March 11-20.

The Community Fellow Team for 2015-2016 will be announced by no later than **Tuesday, March 31**. If you have any questions, please contact Jennah Jones: <u>jiones@law.uci.edu</u> or 949-824-1304.