

# 2023-2024 Community Fellows Application

## Application Due: Monday, June 5 at 5:00pm PST

The Office of Student Affairs is seeking upper class students to serve as Community Fellows to the incoming class of 2026. The Community Fellows Program was established to assist first year students as they 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. This year with being back on campus it is more important than ever to have mentorship for our 1Ls.

## 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 training on Thursday, August 10, 2023 from 1-5pm.
- Participate in New Student Orientation (**August 14-18**) and welcome picnic (**August 14**) by attending select panel discussions facilitating a "what to expect in law school" discussion with your advisees. (Approximately 5 7 hrs; \*Please note that if you are on *Law Review* and/or in the job search process, we understand that there may be schedule conflicts and we will work with you.)
- Assist the The Office of Student Affairs in developing and implementing community-building programs. (2 per semester; you should plan to attend all of them and lead 1 of them; approximately 12 hours over the course of a semester).
- Plan and implement at least 2 small group events each semester with your assigned small group. (Approximately 5 hours over the course of a semester.)

- Be available to answer questions via email and via zoom, when needed.
- Attend Community Fellows meetings twice a month with the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
- 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**

# **Applicants**

If you are interested in becoming a Community Fellow for the 2023-2024 academic year, please send Dr. Jones (jiones@law.uci.edu):

- 1. A copy of your resume you don't need to make a special one for CF.
- 2. A brief (500 word limit) statement addressing:
  - a. Why you would be a strong Community Fellow?
  - b. Why this role is important to helping the 1Ls transition to law school?
  - c. What experience you have that relates to this role?
- 3. In lieu of interviews, please make a 2 minute or less video (this can be done via zoom, phone, whatever is easiest) addressing the following questions:
  - a. What would you do to establish a positive relationship with your 1L advisees?
  - b. What do you anticipate will be the greatest challenges this fall for 1Ls, and how would you help them with these challenges?
  - c. What idea(s) do you have for team/community building events?

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