



Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

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David Harrison Innovations in Water and Energy Law & Policy Fellowship Cohort: Summer 2025

Program Overview

Climate change is the defining issue of our time, and its severe impacts are unprecedented in both speed and scale. Without strategic action in the very near-term, meaningful mitigation will become more difficult, expensive and elusive. Insufficient action will leave our most vulnerable populations facing the greatest risk. The Innovations in Water and Energy Law & Policy Fellowship is intended to provide interested students at the University of Colorado Law School an opportunity to understand two crucial components of a sustainable future - water and energy governance - and the nexus between them.

The Innovations in Water and Energy Law & Policy Fellowship, initiated in 2010 by partners of the law firm of Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C. in honor David L. Harrison (Law '71), is awarded each year to a Colorado Law student on the basis of academic performance, commitment to public service, and interest in the study of water and energy law and policy. To the extent practicable, each Harrison Fellow will focus on a specific project where the partner organization is advancing innovative solutions for sustainable management of water or related energy resources outside the United States.

Harrison Fellows will serve for no less than eight (8) weeks during the summer with a qualifying organization and will be provided a stipend as set forth below. The Fellow will produce a report on the relevant subject matter, where permitted by the host organization, and present the results of their work at a seminar hosted by the GWC.

Eligible Colorado Law students may apply for Harrison Fellowship funding for summer unpaid or underpaid internships (less than \$500 per week) with a qualifying organization (a 501c3 or other non-governmental organization), involved in international conservation, water and/or related energy issues. Organizations may not use the availability of the stipend to eliminate or reduce originally offered or attached compensation.

Eligibility

The summer Fellowship will be open to currently enrolled University of Colorado Law School students who will continue to be Colorado Law students returning in the fall, including current 1L, 2L, and LLM students.

Stipend Overview

The Harrison Fellow will be awarded with a stipend of \$6,000 for qualifying work and related costs, including travel-related expenses such as airfare, lodging, and meals from the stipend funds. The amount left after those expenses will remain with the Harrison Fellow as compensation.

Application Instructions

Application Due Date: Friday, January 17, 2025

The following items must be completed and submitted as separate PDF e-mail attachments to GWC Assistant Director, Annie Carlozzi at annie.carlozzi@colorado.edu by 11:59 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2025.

1. A professional **resume** (two pages maximum).
2. Colorado Law **transcripts** (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
3. A **cover letter** with the name of the organization, the expected start and end dates/or duration of the internship, contact information for the supervisor, and a detailed description of the summer position. *If you do not have a summer internship, please reach out to GWC prior to the application deadline for placement assistance.*
4. A **letter or email from the organization confirming the internship offer**, and agreeing to furnish regular supervision (including the name of the proposed supervisor), necessary office/workspace (for non-remote work), support and overhead for the Fellow's work.

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a panel made up of law faculty and GWC staff, and the Fellow will be chosen by late February 2025. Students and advisors will be notified via e-mail shortly thereafter.

The Harrison Fellowship is open to individuals regardless of race, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or gender. We encourage individuals from groups historically underrepresented in environmental conservation to apply.

Information Session

The GWC will host an information session to provide an overview of the program and answer questions about the application process, examples of summer internships, and expectations post-graduation.

Tuesday, October 29 12-1pm in Room 207

Contact Information

For further information, please feel free to contact GWC Assistant Director, Annie Carlozzi at annie.carlozzi@colorado.edu or 303-492-1286.

Additional Information

To the extent practicable, each Harrison Fellow will focus on a specific project where the partner organization is advancing innovative solutions for sustainable management of water or related energy resources outside the United States.

The Harrison Fellowship program is intended to provide interested students at the University of Colorado Law School with an opportunity to more deeply understand the emerging issues facing water and energy governance. To the fullest extent practical, Harrison Fellows will be exposed to issues, problems, and problem-solving tools and realities in a manner that allows them to develop a deep understanding of water resources and energy challenges in other countries, to hone their professional skills, and to appreciate the value of public service, both to the communities that are served and the people who engage in such service.

The Getches-Wilkinson Center (GWC) shall oversee the program and selection of the Harrison Fellow(s). Harrison Fellows will receive monetary support to work on a specific project for a qualifying conservation organization that is advancing innovative solutions outside the United States. Preference will be given to internship work that will be performed outside of the United States. Qualifying projects could include incorporating ecological sustainability into water supply, hydropower planning and development, or related water and energy issues. For example, the Harrison Fellow(s) may be asked to describe and analyze the legal framework for water resources in another country (e.g., China, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico), to develop an understanding of and assess how a particular sector functions within this framework, to describe and analyze the multi-disciplinary nature of water resources problem-solving, or to help chart a path toward the future protection of water resources that are important to people, ecological functions, plants, and animals.