

2017 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 11:59 PDT, Sunday, April 2, 2017

The Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (“LAIPLA”) announces its 2017 Diversity Fellowship application.

A technical or science background is NOT a requirement for consideration for the LAIPLA Diversity Fellowship.

The LAIPLA Diversity Fellowship is open to all law students meeting at least the following criteria:

- Expected to graduate from law school in **2018 or 2019**;
- Have an interest in practicing intellectual property (“IP”) law in the Los Angeles area (involving copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, patents, or any combination thereof);
- Are from a “diverse background,” which is defined broadly as those who are underrepresented in the IP bar and includes, but is not limited to, women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as LGBTQ, and those who are differently abled;
- Possess “potential to succeed” as an IP attorney, which is defined broadly to include, but is not limited to, history of leadership, previous work experience, experience in overcoming difficulties, and other relevant personal achievements and characteristics.

This year, the Diversity Fellowship is graciously sponsored by **Morrison Foerster LLP** (“Sponsor”). The Diversity Fellowship will be hosted by **Hyperloop One** (“Host”).

The law student selected for the Diversity Fellowship (“Fellow”) will receive a stipend of \$5,000, which is graciously awarded by the Sponsor. Please see the following page for additional information on the Fellowship requirements, guidelines, and procedures.

Completed applications must be received by 11:59 PDT, Sunday, April 2, 2017. Please email completed applications to Jennifer So at jennifer_so@hpt.honda.com.

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The LAIPLA Diversity Fellow will have the unique opportunity to learn and gain invaluable experience at the Host for the summer:

Hyperloop One is a company in Los Angeles, California, that is leading the effort to commercialize the Hyperloop for moving passengers and/or cargo at airline speeds and at a fraction of the cost of air travel. The Fellow will be an integral part of the IP team, working on anything from patent procurement to trademark strategy to agreement negotiations. Additionally, the legal department is tight knit and has an “open office” mentality, so there is substantial opportunity for exposure to all legal issues facing the company.

Requirements, Guidelines, and Procedures:

1. The Diversity Fellowship is a distinct and unique opportunity. It cannot be used to satisfy school credit or any other program or project.
2. The Diversity Fellowship will be conducted during the summer of 2017, and will be part of the established Diversity Fellowship Program at LAIPLA. The purpose of the Diversity Fellowship Program is to further the professional development of law students associated with the LAIPLA by providing them with experiences that cannot adequately be provided in the classroom. The LAIPLA may oversee the professional development and training of students through their participation in the Diversity Fellowship Program.
3. The Fellowship Program will involve on-site participation by the Fellow at the respective Host's offices no more than five days per week for no more than ten weeks. The Fellow will gain hands-on experience and will receive ongoing training and feedback from legal professionals at the respective Host. The skills the Fellow will develop will not be specific to the respective Host, but will be generic to the legal profession. For example, an understanding of basic legal principles and procedures will be a focus. These basic legal principles and procedures may relate to trademarks, copyrights, and patents, as well as other areas of law.
4. One Fellow per Host will participate in the Diversity Fellowship Program in the summer of 2017. The Fellow will not displace any regular employees at the Host. The primary and essential purpose of the Diversity Fellowship Program is to provide the Fellow with experiences and training that cannot be duplicated in the classroom in connection with an academic curriculum related to IP and other areas of law.
5. Each Fellow is not precluded from applying for a position with the Host at some point after the respective Fellow has completed the Diversity Fellowship. Nevertheless, the Diversity Fellowship Program is not intended as a first step to the employment process and no representations, expressed or implied, are made to Fellows regarding regular employment opportunities at the Host.

6. All Diversity Fellowship applications are due no later than the end of day on **Sunday, April 2, 2017**. No late applications will be considered.
7. Once applications have been reviewed, representatives from LAIPLA will contact potential law-student candidates for an interview. For finalists, an in-person interview may be required. These interviews will likely take place during the month of April 2017. Once the Fellows are selected, each successful candidate will be contacted by LAIPLA representatives about one week after the interviews are completed.
8. LAIPLA will have sole discretion in selecting the student who will participate in the Diversity Fellowship Program. The initial selection process will include input from representatives from the Sponsors, LAIPLA Board members, and members of the Hosts.
9. In the event that the selected Fellow is unable to begin his/her fellowship, other applicants may be subsequently contacted to fulfill any vacant Diversity Fellowship roles.
10. The Fellow will be expected to be present during regular workday hours at the respective Host. The Fellow's presence at the Host will not exceed 40 hours a week and will not exceed 10 weeks. The \$5,000 stipend will be issued by LAIPLA to each Fellow as follows: \$2,500 at the beginning of the Diversity Fellowship, and \$2,500 around halfway through the completion of the Diversity Fellowship.

*Stipends may be considered taxable income.
Fellows bear the responsibility of filing and paying any taxes due.
Please consult your own tax or financial advisor with any questions.*

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Please provide the following information as accurately and completely as possible. If you need additional space, please attach a separate page.

1. Name (last, first): _____

2. Current Address: _____

3. Email: _____

4. Telephone No.: _____

5. Law School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____

Class Standing (if available): _____

Note: **Please attach a copy of your unofficial law school transcript.
If not yet available, please indicate accordingly.**

6. Undergraduate School: _____

Major: _____

7. Other Graduate School: _____

8. Academic honors and awards received:

9. Professional memberships:

10. Past and Present Community Activities:

11. Other Languages (if any):

LANGUAGE	Please indicate: Native Professional Conversational Beginner	ORAL	READING	WRITING	

12. Work History (from most current employment):

Dates	Employer	City, State	Duties

13. Statements (Confining your complete answer to no more than two pages total, please respond to each of the following):

- With the understanding that the term “diversity” is broadly defined, please describe how your background and character traits qualify you for this Diversity Fellowship and why you want to be a Diversity Fellow?
- Please describe your interest in intellectual property law and your future goals for contributing to the Los Angeles intellectual property community.
- If you could change one aspect of the copyright, trademark, or patent law, what would it be and why?

I certify that the information provided in this Diversity Fellowship Application is true and correct.

Dated:

Signature