

2021 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 11:59 PDT, Sunday, April 4, 2021

The Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (“LAIPLA”) announces its 2021 Diversity Fellowship application.

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

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

- Expected to graduate from law school in **2022 or 2023**;
- Have an interest in practicing intellectual property (“IP”) law in the Los Angeles area (involving copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, patents, or any combination thereof); and
- 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.

For 2021, LAIPLA is proud to announce that **Morrison & Foerster LLP** (the “Sponsor”) will graciously sponsor the Diversity Fellowship Program. The Diversity Fellowship will be hosted by **Edwards Lifesciences Corporation** (“Host”).

Each law student selected for the Diversity Fellowship Program (“Fellow”) will receive a stipend of \$7,500 (the “Stipend”), which is graciously funded 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 4, 2021.
Please email completed applications to Jennifer So at jennifer_so@ahm.honda.com.

Should you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

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

Edwards Lifesciences Corporation is the global leader in patient-focused medical innovations for structural heart disease, as well as critical care and surgical monitoring. Driven by a passion to help patients, the company collaborates with the world's leading clinicians and researchers to address unmet healthcare needs, working to improve patient outcomes and enhance lives. Their corporate headquarters are located in Irvine, California, and they supply products and technologies to clinicians in nearly 100 countries around the world. Edwards Lifesciences manufactures products in several global locations including the United States, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Singapore.

Requirements, Guidelines, and Procedures:

1. The Diversity Fellowship is a distinct and unique educational opportunity.
2. The purpose of the Diversity Fellowship is to further the academic and professional development of law students by providing them with the benefit of educational experiences and practical, hands-on vocational training.
3. The Diversity Fellowship will involve participation by the Fellow through the Host's offices, as determined by the Host, for no more than five days per week for no more than eight weeks. The Fellow's participation in the Diversity Fellowship will not exceed eight hours in any single day or forty hours in any week. The Fellow will gain hands-on experience and will receive ongoing training and feedback from legal professionals at the Host. The skills the Fellow will develop will not be specific to the 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 will participate in the Diversity Fellowship in the summer of 2021. The Fellow will not displace any regular employees at the Host, but instead will work under the close supervision of existing staff at the Host. The primary and essential purpose of the Diversity Fellowship Program is to benefit the Fellow by providing educational experiences and training related to IP and other areas of law.
5. Participation in the Diversity Fellowship does not entitle the fellow to a paid job at the conclusion of the internship. 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. The Fellow is not, however, precluded from applying for a position with a Host at some point after the Fellow has completed the Diversity Fellowship Program.

6. All Diversity Fellowship applications are due no later than the end of day on **Sunday, April 4, 2021**. 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 2021. Once the Fellow is selected, the 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 Sponsor, LAIPLA, and the Host.
9. In the event that the selected Fellow is unable to participate in the Diversity Fellowship Program, no stipend will be awarded, and other applicants may be subsequently contacted to fulfill any vacant Diversity Fellowship roles.
10. The Stipend of \$7,500 is an award based upon the Fellow's potential to succeed and is provided solely to aid the student Fellow with living and educational expenses during their studies. The Stipend is not compensation for services rendered to LAIPLA, the Host, or the Sponsor. The Stipend will be issued by LAIPLA to the Fellow as follows: \$3,750 at the beginning of the Diversity Fellowship, and \$3,750 around halfway through the completion of the Diversity Fellowship.

*Stipends may be considered taxable income.
Fellow bears 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. 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 participate in this fellowship?
- 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

Please include the following required submissions as attachments:

- ✓ **2021 Application**
- ✓ **Statements (see Paragraph 12 of Application)**
- ✓ **Current Resume**
- ✓ **Unofficial Law School Transcripts**