



2025 PAID SUMMER LAW CLERK OPPORTUNITY

The Western Center on Law & Poverty is pleased to announce two paid summer law clerk opportunities. Law clerks will be supervised from our Los Angeles office and, depending on circumstances, will have options to work remotely, in-office, or in a hybrid arrangement. Compensation will be approximately \$7,000.

Western Center on Law & Poverty seeks to eliminate poverty and advance racial and economic justice by dismantling and transforming systems so all communities in California can thrive. For over 55 years, we have fought to secure housing, healthcare, a strong safety net, and racial and economic justice for all Californians living with little to no incomes. Western Center brings about systemic change through impact litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy with the state and federal government. Our work includes partnerships with, and support to, local legal aid programs and community-based organizations. For more information, please visit our website: www.wclp.org.

Law clerks will gain significant experience conducting anti-poverty legal research, writing, and advocacy, and will work closely with Western Center staff on litigation, policy advocacy, and supporting our legal aid and community-based partners. We also endeavor to provide experiential opportunities for law clerks to attend trainings, oral arguments, and other events within the organization and with others in the public interest community.

The successful candidate will: have a commitment to anti-poverty advocacy and racial justice; be proficient in legal and policy research; and have strong critical thinking skills.

To Apply

Applications will be accepted until February 14, 2025. Please email a cover letter, resume, and legal writing sample to internships@wclp.org. Please ensure that your cover letter contains a response to the following prompts:

- To promote equity and inclusion and to further our mission, Western Center is committed to fighting poverty through racial justice. We also strive to maintain a diverse staff and create an inclusive and respectful workplace. Please explain how you think your personal or professional experience or background has prepared you to contribute to a work environment with a strong commitment to equity and inclusion.
- We strive to provide our law clerks with experiential learning in all our areas of work. Please indicate whether you have a particular subject area preference (health care, housing, or public benefits and economic justice) and whether you are interested in gaining experience focused more on litigation or legislative advocacy.
- If you have another source of funding for your summer internship, would you be willing to forgo Western Center funding so that another student with need may be able to benefit from the stipend? (Your response to this question will not impact your candidacy.)

Western Center strives for an equitable and inclusive workforce and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Western Center strongly encourages applications from persons of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, persons with disabilities, and persons from other underrepresented groups whose background may contribute to effectively representing low-income people and underserved communities in California.