



disAbility Law Center of Virginia Graduate Fellowship in Minority Public Health

Purpose:

- Address health disparities and improve outcomes for people with disabilities in unrepresented, underrepresented, and marginalized communities
- Provide quality advocacy and skill building opportunities for recent graduates of MSW or similar graduate programs
- Assist dLCV's efforts to promote racial justice, build cultural, intersectional competency, and strengthen affinity between dLCV and minority-led advocacy
- As part of an interdisciplinary team, the fellow will identify, create, and implement creative approaches to improve health outcomes for people with disabilities in Virginia.

Goal:

- Available to MSW, or similarly degreed, or graduating students including recent graduates of programs that address health, psychology, law, social work, vocational rehabilitation, human services, nonprofit management, education, or other human service fields that include public health
- Two fellows, annually
- One-year Fellowship, possible extension for 2nd year, depending on funding

Compensation:

- Annual stipend of \$44,000
- Standard employee benefits, including health insurance and paid time off
- Possible housing assistance stipend of \$300/month in exceptional circumstances
- Intensive training program
- On-going mentorship
- Resume-enhancing opportunities
- Acquiring skills around trend and data analysis, client contact, policy development, professional writing, public speaking

Application Process:

The application process is open to students who graduated from a recognized MSW program or similar graduate program in 2021 or 2022 or who expect to graduate in 2023. The application process is competitive. Successful candidates will be selected by a committee on the basis of a demonstrated interest in disability advocacy and public health policy. The Selection Committee may consider an applicant's academic interests, prior work experience, experience with the disability community, extra-curricular activities, or other relevant life experiences.

To apply, submit:

1. A cover letter, including or attaching a personal statement describing the candidate's interest in the Fellowship, any academic or other experience that has prepared the student for the program, and how the candidate envisions the Fellowship positioning them for a career in public health policy or disability advocacy.
2. Resume or CV
3. List of references, including contact information. It is recommended for at least one of the references to be a faculty member and at least one to be an external supervisor.

Application materials may be sent to jobs@dlcv.org or mailed to dLCV, c/o MSW Fellowship Program, 1512 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, VA 23230. The fellowships are open until selections have been made.

People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The mission of the disAbility Law Center of Virginia is to advance independence, choice and self-determination; protect legal, human and civil rights; and eliminate abuse, neglect and discrimination of people with disabilities, including those with mental illness, through zealous and uncompromising legal advocacy.