

**MBA Bar Fellows Program**  
**Key Information for MBA Bar Fellows and Applicants**

The MBA Bar Fellows Program is a highly selective program designed to address the key goal of diversifying the Oregon bar by recruiting and supporting diverse law students who have a strong commitment to practice law in Oregon. The program provides a first-summer paid internship, substantial scholarships throughout law school, multiple networking opportunities, judicial mentorship, and other resources designed to support the Fellows' success in law school and in their Oregon legal careers. As it grows, this program will support many Oregon law students in their legal education and legal careers, and will make a meaningful improvement in the diversity of our bar.

In order to be competitive for the MBA Bar Fellows Program, applicants must (1) demonstrate outstanding potential for success in the legal profession, (2) demonstrate a strong commitment to or interest in practicing law in Oregon, and (3) contribute to the diversity of the Oregon State Bar. "Diversity" is broadly defined, and participating law schools will consider various ways in which applicants have the capacity to diversify the bar. The participating law schools are the University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark. Applicants apply before the first year of law school.



Bar Fellows receive the following benefits from the program:

- Scholarship from the law school of \$20,000/year applied to tuition for each year of a three-year program. (Note that specific terms are available from each law school, and the yearly scholarship may be adjusted for a longer-term program.)
- First summer paid (\$10,000) ten-week internship at an Oregon law office and/or in-house legal department, paid by the sponsor. (Note that this opportunity is designed as a learning opportunity for the Bar Fellows, and does not include a commitment to a future hire by the summer sponsor.)
- Judicial mentorship during law school.
- Multiple networking opportunities throughout law school and summers.
- Other professional development opportunities to strengthen interviewing, networking, and other professional skills.

Bar Fellows are expected to actively participate in the Bar Fellows Program during all three years of law school and into their Oregon legal careers. First-year Fellows will meet potential summer sponsors during an interview event in late January. The MBA will match Bar Fellows with summer sponsors by March of each year. In the spring of each year, there will be opportunities for each Bar Fellow to work with the Fellow's assigned summer sponsor on the details of the summer program, such as start date. Second- and third-year Bar Fellows will be asked to mentor first-year Bar Fellows, and to participate in as many support and networking events as possible.