Sam Williamson Fellowship for the Immigration Clinic - $5,000 Fellowship

This fellowship was created in memory of Sam Williamson, Esq., a tireless advocate on behalf of immigrants for more than 50 years.

Applicants are required to submit an application that includes the following:

1. The fellowship candidate must have completed 30 hours prior to the start date of the fellowship.

2. Complete a general immigration law survey course before the beginning of the fellowship. (Classes that will qualify are the following: Immigration Law, Immigration & Business Law, Asylum Law, and Immigration & Family Law.)

3. Write a personal statement of 500 words or less detailing the candidate’s interest in the field of immigration law, an expression of dedication and interest in the practice of immigration law, and any past experiences that are relevant to the student’s ability to make a contribution to this field. Information regarding the individual’s background, academic and non-academic qualifications, and commitment to public service should be outlined in this statement.

4. Include a resume.

5. Submit two letters of recommendation, at least one should be from a UH Law Center faculty member.

6. The selected candidate will enroll in the UH Law Center Immigration Clinic during the fall or spring of the Fellowship. The fellowship selection committee will interview candidates before announcing the recipient. One fellowship recipient will be selected to receive a stipend of $5,000 to be applied towards tuition.

The UH Immigration Clinic assists hundreds of low-income persons from the greater Houston community every year. The Clinic has four supervising attorneys, one part-time fellow, and approximately 20 students per year who work on a variety of pro bono cases. The following are representative of the types of cases handled by the clinic: asylum, family-based adjustment of status, crime victim cases, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, and federal court cases. Direct any questions about the clinic to Clinical Associate Professor and Faculty Supervisor Geoffrey Hoffman.

Please submit your application to Jennifer Aaron at jaaron@central.uh.edu or Student Services Suite 30 by March 25, 2015.