

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship
Center for the Study of Law and Society
Berkeley Law

The Center for the Study of Law and Society (CSLS) at Berkeley Law is pleased to announce a new **Graduate Fellowship in Empirical Legal Studies** for Spring Semester and Summer, 2010. The University of California Berkeley has long been associated with innovative empirical research on law, at least since the founding of the Center for the Study of Law and Society by Philip Selznick in 1961. CSLS is one of the headwaters for the law and society field and empirical legal studies. Today, Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) is characterized by a rich interdisciplinary approach that seeks to ground empirical analysis in sociolegal theory and embrace a broad range of methods, both quantitative and qualitative.

BELS Fellows will be doctoral students drawn from a wide range of disciplines across the UC Berkeley campus, including those in the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, International Studies and Area Studies, Schools of Public Health, Business, and Public Policy, Colleges of Natural Sciences and Engineering, as well as from the School of Law (PhD, JD and JSD). We anticipate ten (10) Fellows will be selected annually.

Eligibility: UC Berkeley doctoral, JD, and JSD students engaged in theoretically-informed, empirical research projects that investigate the origins, dynamics, and/or consequences of law and law-related social institutions. Preference will be given to students who will be in their third year or beyond during the period of the Fellowship. We welcome projects that use quantitative and/or qualitative methodology, and address contemporary or historical contexts. Students are expected to be in residence at UC Berkeley for the duration of the period they hold a BELS Fellowship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE--October 16, 2009.

Fellows to be announced by November 30, 2009.

Period of the inaugural BELS Fellowship this first year is January 2010 to June 2010.

The normal Fellowship period will be September to May.

The benefits of the fellowship are:

1) A **research fund** of up to **\$1000** for expenses related to the research process (e.g., purchase of data sets, transcription and/or coding costs, purchase of equipment such as tape recorders, purchase of video tapes, research related travel costs, subject costs, copying expenses, computer software, etc.). Salary may not be funded by the Fellowship.

2) **Workspace** (shared cubicles) in the Berkeley Law Building at 2850 Telegraph.

3) **Monthly BELS Fellows Workshops** led by CSLS Director Calvin Morrill where Fellows will present and discuss their research. Fellows will also have the opportunity to attend and participate in CSLS activities, such as the Empirical Methods Mini-Series, the CSLS Speaker Series, and other conferences and events.

4) Opportunities for **informal scholarly exchange** with other Fellows from many UCB departments, faculty members from Berkeley Law and other units on campus, and with many of the visiting scholars doing research at CSLS.

Fellows have the following responsibilities:

1. Present research at one BELS Fellows Monthly Workshop and participate as a discussant in a second workshop.
2. Submit a research progress report (up to 2pp.) within 60 days of the ending of the Fellowship period that explains how the funding was used during the Fellowship period and what grant proposals and/or fellowship applications have been completed to extend this research.
3. Provide CSLS with an electronic version of work written during the support period.
4. Acknowledge Berkeley Law and CSLS in all written work (e.g., dissertations, articles, books, etc.) that develops out of the BELS Fellowship.

Application Procedure:

Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2009.

Applications are accepted through **bSpace** and should include:

1. Coversheet provided on Fellowship bSpace page.
2. Brief research statement (3-page maximum) that includes:
 - **Statement of the research problem** that your research is addressing, including theoretical rationale and research questions and/or hypotheses,
 - **Description of empirical research methods** and data sources,
 - **Statement of how the project will contribute** to the study of law and society, to one or more disciplines or sub-disciplines, and to your future research activities,
 - The **stage of your research project** at present (e.g., pre-, current, or post-data collection).
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Brief letter of support from research advisor.

Notification of Awards by November 30, 2009

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR THE FELLOWSHIP THROUGH bSPACE

Click on <https://bspace.berkeley.edu/portal>

and log on to bSpace. All Berkeley students, staff, and faculty have access to their own bSpace account. If you don't have a logon, follow the instructions for creating one.

Once you are logged on to your bSpace site in order to find the BELS Fellowship:

1. Click on Membership on the left navigation bar.
2. On the Membership page, click on joinable sites.
3. In the search box type BELS, click on search.
4. You should arrive at the home page of the BELS Fellowships.

For uploading documents to DROP BOX:

1. On the homepage at the Fellows bSpace site, click on DROP BOX on the left navigation bar.
2. You will see the bSpace-created file folder with your name on it.
3. Click on Add to the right of the folder. Click on Upload files.
4. Browse for your document files.
5. Click Upload file now.
6. Repeat this process until you have uploaded all your files for the application.

Once you have access to the Fellowship page, bSpace will create tab for the Fellowship page on your bSpace site that will be there whenever you enter your site.