

UC Berkeley Law Public Interest Scholars

Application

- Submit a complete Berkeley Law JD application for admission
- Include a **1-2 page statement** addressing this prompt:

Knowing the challenges that can come with pursuing a public interest legal career, what drives you toward your goals, and how do you plan to make a meaningful impact with your legal degree?

Deadline

- **December 15** for Regular Decision applicants
- **November 15** for Binding Early Decision applicants

Factors

- Dedication to public interest or public service **prior to law school**
- Commitment to public interest work during 1L and 2L **summers** and **post-graduation**
- Demonstration of **leadership** and **initiative**
- Likelihood of making a **lasting impact** on Berkeley Law's community

Decisions

- Typically made between **February - April**
- Finalists may be asked to complete additional essays or interviews

Benefits

- **Full tuition scholarship** (resident and non-resident) + fees & SHIP health insurance
- **Community** of other scholars, staff, faculty, alumni, and practitioners
- Opportunities for **mentorship**
- **Funding** for professional development