



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - FELLOWSHIP SPONSORSHIP

## ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

The Global Strategic Litigation Council (the Council) uses the power of the law and the power of people to protect and advance the rights of displaced communities. We unite and support a coalition of over 500+ community-based and international NGOs, refugee and migrant leaders, lawyers, academics and advocates across the world, all working on strategic litigation and advocacy to uphold rights. Our strategic legal work has positively impacted hundreds of thousands of displaced people to date, by ensuring their fundamental rights are protected through legal and policy change.

The Council invites LLM and JD students in their final semester of law school as well as recent law graduates to apply for a sponsorship opportunity to work with us as a Legal Fellow. The Council seeks applicants to consider for a sponsored fellowship to begin in the fall of 2025 and asks for a minimum commitment of 6-months.

Assuming external sponsorship is secured, Legal Fellows will be formally hosted at the Council's Secretariat and will report to that organization's Director.

To apply for the fellowship, please submit a cover letter expressing your interest and suitability for the role (in line with the responsibilities and experience & qualifications sections) along with your resume and a description of the funding opportunity/opportunities in connection with which you seek sponsorship to [secretariat@global-council.org](mailto:secretariat@global-council.org). We will review applications and pursue sponsorship support on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [secretariat@global-council.org](mailto:secretariat@global-council.org).

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct legal research and analysis and develop theories to support the development of new affirmative strategic litigation plans by the Council within one or more of their thematic priority areas: legal status and lawful stay; detention and due process; and, climate displacement.
- Conduct legal research and analysis and develop theories to support new litigation projects within one or more litigation areas.



- Draft legal memoranda, pleadings, affidavits, motions, and briefs, including amicus briefs (or sections of briefs) in connection with litigation projects of Council members.
- Interview witnesses and potential clients in connection with litigation projects of Council members.
- Respond to requests for technical assistance from members of the Council.
- Attend and help coordinate and support regular meetings of the Council as well as its Steering Committee.
- Provide support and assistance to members of the Council and/or cooperating attorneys.
- Draft and edit public education and non-litigation advocacy materials.
- Engage in public speaking and attend meetings and/or conferences.
- Engage in special projects and other duties as assigned.
- Commitment to the mission of the Council.
- Commitment to work collaboratively and respectfully toward resolving obstacles and/or conflicts, in particular across lines of difference within the global network of Council members and cooperating attorneys.

## **EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS**

- LLM or JD or expected to receive an LLM or JD by the fall of 2025.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest work.
- Demonstrated experience studying public interest law, international law, international human rights law, U.S. civil rights/civil liberties law, and in particular as it relates to the rights of refugees and other migrants.
- Willingness to work closely with the Council through the funding application process to law school and/or outside sponsors.
- Excellent research, writing, analytical, and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct complex legal analysis and fact-finding.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a proven ability to work independently as well as within a team.
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate legal and project work with remote collaborators, including in multiple countries and/or time zones.
- Self-motivated with the ability to take initiative, manage a variety of tasks and see projects through to completion.
- Fluency in languages other than English is a plus.



## **ABOUT THE COUNCIL**

Many refugees today struggle to reach safety. Even if they do, many cannot walk down the street without fear of arrest and detention. They are barred from working and feeding their children. The Council was created to enforce and expand the protection of displaced people's rights to ensure they can rebuild their lives with safety and dignity.

The Council works with and for displaced communities on strategic litigation and advocacy that raises the bar on displaced people's rights across the world. It connects and facilitates exchanges across its diverse membership who are all working to advance the rights of displaced people. Networks are currently established in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central America & Mexico, Europe, and South America & the Caribbean. Led by regional experts embedded within their region, they work closely with and for affected communities and member organizations. They bring cases within their countries, build movements and coalitions of organisations working towards the same goal, and align their strategies to help maximise their impact. The Council also builds the capacity of its members to maximise impact and tackle new challenges, like climate displacement, through increasing access to knowledge, training and resources.

By setting positive precedents and campaigning for policy change across its networks, the Council aims to shape a global, rights-based immigration system rooted in justice.