



## **ANNOUNCING TUITION-FREE LLM/IELP FELLOW POSITIONS APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 5, 2019**

The law school's Environmental & Natural Resources Law Program is now accepting applications from Lewis & Clark JD students who will graduate in May of 2019 for one to two LLM-International Environmental Law Project (IELP) Fellow positions to begin in the summer or fall of 2019. The one-year fellowships provide a tuition-free LLM degree offered pursuant to Lewis & Clark's joint JD/LLM degree program. (Other fees, such as health insurance, registration fees, and books, are the responsibility of the student.) The students will serve as an IELP Fellow and work on various projects for IELP while pursuing the LLM degree.

IELP's mission is to ensure that the rule of law is applied to the conservation of the world's resources by providing innovative legal counsel and effective advocacy to governments, NGOs, and international institutions. IELP mobilizes governments, NGOs, and international institutions to resolve pressing global environmental law issues, such as climate change, threats to animals, ocean pollution and degradation, and the linkages between international trade, human rights, and the environment. Through this work, IELP also educates a community of global stewards by providing unique, practice-based legal training to Lewis & Clark Law School students. More information about IELP can be found [here](#).

IELP Fellows will be expected to do the following:

1. Work with faculty and students to produce work product on behalf of IELP and its clients;
2. Participate in the clinic's classroom component, as appropriate;
3. Research possible projects for IELP to pursue; and
4. Work closely with the law school's development team to research possible funding sources.

### **LLM Eligibility Requirements**

IELP Fellow candidates must be successfully admitted to the LLM phase of the joint degree program or must apply and be accepted to the LLM phase once awarded the fellowship. The program allows Lewis & Clark students to receive the LLM degree with approximately one-half of the normally required credits by applying some of their JD credits to the LLM. Fellows will spread their LLM credits over two semesters in order to have time to work on IELP projects and will take the LLM seminar in the fall and spring semesters as an LLM student.

IELP Fellows will be able to apply up to 12 credits of environmental coursework taken as a JD towards the LLM degree, excluding Administrative Law and Environmental Law. As an LLM student, the Fellow will take an additional 14 credits (2 for the LL.M. seminar and 12 additional environmental credits). The 14 credits earned in the LL.M. phase and the 12 credits earned as a JD will total the 26 credits needed for the LL.M. degree. Please note that candidates must have the maximum number of credits to apply from their JD to the LL.M. so as to allow an optimal balance

between the IELP work and the course work needed for the LLM degree. Absent special permission, Fellows will not be allowed to take more than 14 credits for the year in order to allow adequate time for IELP Fellow work. IELP Fellows will not be able to do a clinic, externship, or legal practicum during the fellowship due to possible conflicts and the time commitment needed of our Fellows.

### **Application Instructions**

Each applicant must be planning to graduate with a JD degree from Lewis & Clark in May of 2019. The applicant must complete the LLM application materials and, in the cover statement, explain his or her interest in serving as the IELP Fellow. The cover letter should also describe the applicant's relevant international environmental law experience and expertise. LLM applications are available by contacting Kelly Novahom at [knovahom@lclark.edu](mailto:knovahom@lclark.edu) or on the Web at: [https://law.lclark.edu/programs/environmental\\_and\\_natural\\_resources\\_law/degrees/llm/application\\_info/](https://law.lclark.edu/programs/environmental_and_natural_resources_law/degrees/llm/application_info/)

Applications are due April 5, 2019, but IELP may fill the positions earlier. Applicants are therefore encouraged to apply early.

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