

Dear Prospective Student,

Congratulations on your admission to Berkeley Law! We are excited that you are considering joining our community, and would like to share a unique scholarship opportunity for admitted students of color who are pursuing careers in social justice.

The Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, founded and supported by students and alumni of Berkeley Law, but independent from the school. Since 1997, BLF has offered the Phoenix Fellowship to outstanding students who identify as students of color<sup>1</sup> with a commitment to public interest work. BLF founded the Phoenix Fellowship in the aftermath of Proposition 209, which abolished affirmative action in the UC system, as part of BLF's commitment to desegregate higher education and break down the barriers for lawyers of color to pursue public interest careers. In 2020, BLF renamed the fellowship in memory of the Honorable Justice Allen E. Broussard, an illustrious Berkeley Law graduate who advocated for the diversification of the profession.

The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship offers recipients a scholarship for the first year of law school. This year, BLF is offering four (4) fellowships in the amount of \$5,000 each. The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship is funded by the generosity of students, faculty, lawyers, and law firms.

All admitted students of color with a history of public interest work and a desire to pursue public interest work after law school are encouraged to apply for the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship. The Selection Committee is looking for applicants with a demonstrated commitment to social justice issues and a desire to pursue a legal career focused on these issues. The Committee also considers financial need, so we invite you to share any circumstances that you believe demonstrate your particular financial need. The application consists of the application cover page (attached), your resume, and a 2-4 page statement of purpose (12-point font). You are free to reuse or adapt your Berkeley Law application materials (which the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Selection Committee will not otherwise see).

Please email your application materials in **one document** (including cover page, resume, and statement of purpose) to **blfphoenixfellowship@gmail.com**. Remember to sign and date the cover page.

**Applications must be received by April 22, 2022.** If you are chosen as a finalist, you will need to be available for a phone or Skype interview on **April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1, May 7 or May 8, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship committee at [blfphoenixfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:blfphoenixfellowship@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Selection Committee

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<sup>1</sup> Person of color refers to someone who is non-white and identifies as such.