Legal Fellow

The Institute for Policy Integrity (Policy Integrity) is seeking applicants for a one- to two-year legal fellowship with a focus on regulatory policy.

About the Institute for Policy Integrity

Housed at New York University (NYU) School of Law, Policy Integrity is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of government decision making. Our principal focus is U.S. energy and environmental policy, with a particular emphasis on climate change. We produce original scholarly research in the fields of economics, law, and regulatory policy. We also advocate for reform before courts, legislatures, and executive agencies.

Responsibilities

Legal Fellows may be assigned projects across a range of substantive areas or may be tasked to specialize in a key area depending on the fellow’s experience and Policy Integrity’s priorities. Legal Fellows work with Policy Integrity’s economists, lawyers, and policy analysts to:

- draft amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit, and other courts in major policy cases;
- draft regulatory comments, petitions for rulemakings, and other formal submissions to federal and state agencies including state Public Utility Commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior, and the Department of Health and Human Services;
- advise other advocacy organizations on how to navigate regulatory impact analyses;
- supervise the work of NYU Law School students in the Regulatory Policy Clinic; and
- publish academic articles and op-eds.

Qualifications

- J.D., with superior academic achievement.
- 0–3 years of legal experience.
- Clerkships, litigation experience, legislative experience, or advanced degrees in relevant disciplines are valued, but not necessary.
- Applicants’ written materials will be reviewed to assess their professionalism, independent thinking, and persuasive writing skills, as well as their ability and willingness to absorb new subject matters in law and policy.
Policy Integrity is committed to a culture in which all people are welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse applicants, and we consider multiple aspects of diversity.

NYU is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to a policy of equal treatment and opportunity in every aspect of its recruitment and hiring process without regard to age, alienage, caregiver status, childbirth, citizenship status, color, creed, disability, domestic violence victim status, ethnicity, familial status, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital status, military status, national origin, parental status, partnership status, predisposing genetic characteristics, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, unemployment status, veteran status, or any other legally protected basis. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply for vacant positions at all levels.

Benefits and Terms of Employment

In compliance with New York City’s Pay Transparency Act, the annual base salary range for this position is $83,200 – $93,600. NYU considers factors such as (but not limited to) scope and responsibilities of the position, applicant’s work experience, education/training, key skills, internal peer equity, as well as market and organizational considerations when extending an offer.

NYU offers an excellent, comprehensive benefits package including generous paid time off and retirement contributions. Information about benefits can be viewed here. Partial relocation assistance (exact amount based on distance) will be provided. Policy Integrity staff members also have access to academic enrichment opportunities at NYU School of Law, including some faculty workshops, colloquia, and other scholarly forums.

The fellowships are designed as two-year positions, though they can be structured instead as one-year, pre-clerkship positions. The start date is flexible, but ideally the fellow would start in late summer/early fall of 2024.

Policy Integrity follows a hybrid schedule that requires three days in our New York City office per week.

To Apply

Applicants should submit:

1. a cover letter detailing your interest in the position or your relevant experience,
2. a brief statement (less than one page) on how your background or experiences would enhance the diversity, inclusivity, or perspectives of Policy Integrity,
3. a resume,
4. an official or up-to-date unofficial law school transcript,
(5) one or two writing samples (with a preference for independently authored documents, such as research memoranda, comment letters, briefs, or blog posts), and

(6) the names and contact information of three references.

All materials should be sent to policyintegrity.jobs@gmail.com, with “Legal Fellow” in the subject line. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2023.