Appendix B

Fellowships Selection Criteria

The following criteria are considered in selecting Fellows. If you feel that you should receive a Fellowship despite any of the criteria, please attach a specific explanation why that criterion should not be considered in your case.

1. Applicants should be eligible (but not necessarily be receiving) work-study. Student contributors are usually on financial aid themselves and assume fellows could not fund their internships independently through spousal or parental contributions or savings.

2. Second year applicants will be preferred over first year students. Opportunities for private employment are far more abundant after the second year of law school than the first. The decision to work in the public sector during the summer following the second year demonstrates a firmer commitment to a legal career in the public interest.

3. Those second year applicants selected for a student funded fellowship, who spent their prior summer working in the public interest, will be honored as Professor Kellis Parker Fellows. Professor Kellis Parker Fellows will receive additional funding such that each Professor Kellis Parker Fellow receives the greater of $500 more or 25% more than the other student funded fellowships. However, in aggregate the additional funds allocated to all the Professor Kellis Parker Fellows shall not exceed the funds that would otherwise be allocated to a single student funded fellowship.

4. Internships commencing after graduation will not be considered for funding; these applicants are no longer students of Columbia Law School and are ineligible for Columbia work-study funds.

5. Foreign internships will be considered only if the applicant has a very strong interest in a particular area, usually demonstrated by national origin or previous work in that region. Because foreign employers are ineligible for work-study and overseas internships involve large costs for travel, SFF could fund only a relatively small portion of these jobs.

6. Judicial clerkships will not be funded. Summer work for a judge may be very appropriate for a law students planning a career in the public interest. However, so many students intern with judges each summer that SFF moneys would be exhausted if clerkships were funded.

7. Internships for a domestic political campaign or political party will not be funded.

8. An applicant’s duties at a proposed internship should consist of non-clerical legal work at an organization working in the public interest. “Public Interest” shall be construed broadly and include federal, state, and local legal services organizations, as well as private non-profit legal organizations and government agencies.

Funding

Are you eligible for work-study as a Columbia student? Yes  No

Please list your proposed expenses: $

Please list funding from any sources other than SFF (e.g. family, spouse, your employer, other grants, savings): $

Sources:

What other sources of funding are you applying for?

What will you do if SFF cannot supply you with funding?