



AALDEF 2019 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, and community education. For more information about AALDEF, please visit our website at www.aaldef.org.

AALDEF attorneys work in the following program areas:

- **Immigrant Justice Project:** litigation, legal services, and organizing/outreach with communities affected by post 9/11 immigration and law enforcement policies. An additional emphasis on Asian communities' access to representation and education about immigration policies and practices that may impact them, including deferred action policies and administrative relief for undocumented youth and other immigrants, unconstitutional DHS stops, and collaboration between state/local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement. **Law students ONLY**
- **Voting Rights** - legal research and fact development under the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause challenging anti-Asian voter discrimination, advocacy on bilingual ballots, produce reports and organize public forums, assist in organizing election protection volunteers, legal trainings and follow up for the 2018 election. **Law students ONLY**
- **Administrative Assistant** - Responsibilities include data entry, organizing press clippings, answering phones, doing mailings, assisting with fundraising and other events, and performing general clerical duties. Other responsibilities include providing support for community education and outreach projects and acting as an interpreter/translator. Computer experience with databases, graphics and web programs is helpful. **Undergraduate students ONLY. Workstudy grants accepted.**

Description of Summer Internship Program: *The summer program is ten weeks, from May 28 through August 2, 2019. Interns work full-time and are supervised by attorneys in specific program areas. Depending on what work needs to be done in each of the program areas, interns will work on litigation, legal and policy advocacy, community outreach and education, or client intakes; each program area differs in emphasis. Summer interns attend weekly brown bag lectures on a range of public interest legal topics along with interns from other legal defense funds and civil rights groups. The position is unpaid. However, in previous years many AALDEF interns have been successful at securing independent funding. Academic credit can be arranged.*

To Apply:

- Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to be received by AALDEF on or before **Friday, February 15, 2019** at the address below. Please indicate in your cover letter the preferred program areas. Only law students qualify for AALDEF's legal internships. Applications may be faxed or emailed.
- Any bilingual ability should be stated in the application. Bilingual ability is helpful but not required. Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, and Urdu-speaking applicants are especially urged to apply.

- Applications will be reviewed upon receipt until the Friday, February 15, 2019 deadline. Interviewing will take place on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible, as decisions are made on a rolling basis. Only applicants who have been given interviews will be notified of their advancement in the application process.

Summer Internship Search
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The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, is a New York-based national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

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