Equity Corps of Oregon
Application for the Immigrant Justice Fellowship for 2027 Term

BACKGROUND

The Immigrant Justice Fellowship gives new and emerging lawyers the opportunity to provide legal services directly within impacted immigrant communities. Through a competitive process, the program will award up to 4 fellowships to new and emerging attorneys from Oregon law schools and across the country. Fellows will match with community-based organizations in the Oregon Worker Relief Network to serve a one- or two-year term beginning in fall 2027 and provide direct legal services to impacted immigrant communities in Oregon. The program strongly prefers candidates who are Oregon law school graduates, can help broaden representation of groups historically or currently underrepresented in the Oregon bar, and can demonstrate a commitment to advancing immigrant rights.

Applications are available at this link:
https://innovation-law-lab.typeform.com/2027FellowApp

KEY DATES

Applications Released	End of October 2026
Fellowship Q&A Session (optional)	Tuesday 11/17/2026 at 2pm Pacific, 4pm Central, & 5pm Eastern
Priority Application Filing Date	Tuesday 12/1/26 at midnight *Applications received by this date will receive priority processing. Applications received after this date will be considered on a rolling basis.*

Match Day	Thursday January 14, 2027
Offers Made	Monday February 15, 2027 *Applications will be considered throughout the timeline including past the date offers will be made.*
Fellowship Start Date	Tuesday September 7, 2027

FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY

Salary Minimum	$71,500 annually
Term	1 year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year.
Eligibility	Any lawyer with less than 6 years of experience as a licensed attorney; must be a member of the Oregon bar, willing to take the Oregon bar at the next exam, or a member of another state bar. Fellows matched at a community-based organization with a qualifying supervising attorney willing to provide legal supervision may alternatively obtain licensure via the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination. Law students graduating before the fellowship commences who are applying to a state bar will also be considered. Members of the Oregon State Bar or Oregon law school graduates will be given preference in the screening process.

THE WORK PLAN

Applicants will match with community-based organizations within the Oregon Worker Relief Network. Fellows will provide direct legal services to immigrant community members at risk of deportation or civic exclusion because of their immigration status. Each fellow will receive intensive legal training on immigration law, particularly removal defense representation, immigrant rights, and affirmative benefit applications as well as hands-on experience representing clients before federal agencies and the immigration court.

Innovation Law Lab, as the Clearinghouse provider for ECO, will provide the fellows with technical assistance and mentorship, though the fellow will be an employee of the community-based organization they matched with. Fellows will be treated as a cohort and have access to leadership development and networking opportunities. Examples of work that fellows will undertake include: participate in Know Your Rights orientation sessions; provide limited legal assistance to community members; work on a variety of immigration cases, including preparing applications, declarations, and supporting evidence, as well as providing co-representation in immigration interviews, bond hearings, and removal hearings; participate in on-going legal training and capacity building opportunities as well as regular case rounds sessions with the entire fellowship cohort.

Regardless of placement location, fellows will work closely with community-based organizations in Oregon. This is an in-person fellowship. The fellow will be working from the offices of the host organization they match with. Remote work arrangements may be considered under exceptional circumstances. Fellows will receive an annual salary of no less than $71,500 and be provided with a full range of benefits, including employer-paid health insurance, and generous accrued time off and sick leave according to the terms of the host organization.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Fellowship position, an applicant must:

- Have graduated from an accredited law school by June of 2027;
- Be a member of the bar of any state; be awaiting the results of the February or July 2027 bar exam; or commit to pursuing licensure in Oregon via the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (not available at all placements). Applicants who do not pass a bar exam must commit to retaking the exam in February 2028 or pursuing the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination

option, if eligible. Though the fellowship is open to members or future members of the bar of any state, preference may be given to Oregon bar members or those seeking Oregon bar membership in the selection process;
- Have no more than six years of work experience as a licensed attorney;
- Demonstrate professional fluency in Spanish or another language commonly spoken by immigrant community members in Oregon;
- Demonstrate, through personal experience, work experience, academic studies, or other experience, a commitment to public interest and social justice lawyering. Applicants who have experience with and a commitment to serving members of the immigrant community are especially encouraged to apply.

If selected, the fellow must:

- Commit to serving a one-year fellowship term (with the possibility of renewal for a second year);
- If necessary, commit to re-taking the bar examination until bar passage is obtained or pursuing licensure via the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination (SPPE), if eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be evaluated according to objective criteria including relevant experience, commitment to social justice and immigrant rights, and proficiency in language(s) other than English.

Qualified applicants who apply by the priority deadline will participate in a matching process with interested community-based host organizations. Geographic preferences, cultural affiliation, and language fluency, among other factors, will be considered during the matching process.

Applications received after the priority deadline will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We will continue to consider applications throughout the program timeline, including after offers have been made, as long as program-wide capacity is available.

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QUESTIONS?
Please email info@equitycorps.org with any questions.