

Garvey-Nkrumah Fellowship

Program Information

International Law | Public Policy | Conflict Resolution

US • AFRICA • CARIBBEAN



COORDINATING PARTNERS

- Howard University School of Law (ADR Program)
- Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) Law School
- The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Law (Cave Hill, Barbados)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administered through AFCA, the Garvey-Nkrumah Fellowship Program is a summer leadership and professional development initiative designed to train aspiring lawyers of African descent in areas of law and the legal profession where such lawyers are grossly underrepresented: international law, public policy, and conflict resolution. The objective of this initiative includes facilitating the following program principles when addressing global issues (e.g., social justice, economic development) that disproportionately impact the African diaspora:

- Solidarity
- Capacity Building
- Collaboration
- Solutions
- Application of Solutions

Established in honor of international civil rights leaders, political theorists, and dignitaries Marcus Garvey and Kwame Nkrumah, this fellowship provides a comprehensive “experiential learning laboratory” for program participants. Specifically, fellows receive professional development experience through legal internships and capstone projects designed to advance solutions that address targeted legal, social, economic, and/or public policy issues within continental Africa, the Caribbean, and the U.S.

Areas of Concentration: this fellowship provides training and development in the following areas of law:

- Civil & Human Rights
- International Trade & Development
- Public Policy
- Conflict & Dispute Resolution

PROGRAM CALENDAR

- **APPLICATION DUE DATE: APRIL 21, 2023**
- **INTERVIEW PROCESS: FEBRUARY 1 – APRIL 26, 2023**
- **SELECTION PROCESS: CONCLUDES BY APRIL 28, 2023**
- **LEGAL BOOTCAMP/TRAINING SEMINARS (VIRTUAL): MAY 22 – May 26, 2023**
- **FIELD PLACEMENT (INTERNSHIP) ASSIGNMENTS (VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON): May 30 – JULY 18, 2023***
- **DELEGATION (FELLOWS) VISIT TO ACCRA, GHANA: July 23 – August 2, 2023**

* **Field Placement Assignments will be in the U.S., Africa, and the Caribbean**

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for this program, applicants must be matriculated law students in at least one of the following institutions or membership organizations:

- Law Schools at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Law Schools within continental Africa
- Law Schools within the Caribbean
- Current members of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and/or the National Bar Association (NBA)

FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS

Over the course of the fellowship, fellows engage in three major programmatic components: (1) Legal Boot Camp (training seminars), (2) Field Placement Assignments (legal internships & capstone projects), and (3) Policy & Diplomacy.

- *Legal Boot Camp (training seminars):* prior to and in preparation of their internships and/or capstone projects (“Field Placement Assignments”), fellows complete an intense

legal boot camp that synthesizes training in international law, public policy, and conflict resolution. The faculty for these training seminars includes lawyers and subject matter experts from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and the U.S.

- *Field Placement Assignments (legal internships & capstone projects)*: after completing the *Legal Boot Camp*, fellows receive professional development experience through field placement assignments with program partners.
- *Policy & Diplomacy*: at the conclusion of the program, fellows share their field placement findings and engage in solutions-based dialogue and communication with government officials, policymakers, as well as the diplomatic, civil society, legal and business communities.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must complete the online application form (please below) and submit the following application documents:

- Letter of Interest
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- A personal statement describing your interest in the Garvey-Nkrumah Fellowship and how your experience/expertise would contribute to the collaborative nature of the program..
- (2) Letters of Recommendation—one of which must be from a faculty member at your home institution
- Proof of Payment

The application deadline is **APRIL 21, 2023**.

A **\$25 (USD)** application fee is required upon submission.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For further information, please visit afca-us.org or contact us at GNF@afca-us.org.

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