

Social Justice Division
Civil Rights – New York City
Student Assistant
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## Fall Paid, Part-Time Placement for Undergraduate Students | Application Deadline is September 12, 2025\*

The Office of the New York State Attorney General's (OAG) <u>Civil Rights Bureau</u> (CRB) is seeking applications from undergraduate students for a paid placement during the 2025 Fall Program; this is an excellent opportunity for students who are either pursuing or are considering pursing a legal career. The selected student will support the bureau's ongoing litigation docket, develop legal skills, and work directly with attorneys, support staff, and other professionals.

#### **Duties:**

- Assisting with intakes
  - Interviewing members of the public to obtain detailed information regarding complaints made to the bureau.
- Assisting with witness interviews
- Providing eDiscovery support
  - Searching for documents for deposition preparation and preparing deposition summaries;
  - Tagging, reviewing, and organizing documents for production as well as incoming document production;
  - Maintaining discovery request logs and tracking what has been received and what is outstanding;
     and
  - o Coordinating as needed with OAG's Practice Technologies Group on technical issues.
- Assisting with legal filings
  - Cite-checking, formatting, and proofreading briefs and other documents;
  - Conducting searches using Westlaw or Lexis;
  - o Creating tables of contents and tables of authority; and
  - Assisting with submitting filings.
- Assisting with research and writing assignments
- Assisting with other legal and office support functions

### Required qualifications:

- Enrollment in a full-time undergraduate degree program;
- Excellent organizational, proofreading, and multitasking skills;
- Strong research and analytical abilities as well as verbal and written communication skills;
- Proactive with the ability to self-manage assignments and deadlines;
- Capable of working well both independently and as a member of a team; and
- Strong technology skills and proficiency using Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.

## **Preferred qualifications:**

- Students who are pursuing degrees in a relevant area of study such as pre-law, legal/paralegal studies, criminal justice, etc.;
- Prior work experience in a legal setting;
- Familiarity with and experience using legal research and eDiscovery applications; and
- Fluency in other languages.

## **Fall Program Details**

- The format of this placement is hybrid. Students report to their designated workstation two or three (2-3) days per week. On the days students work remotely, they need a reliable computer, a secure internet connection, a phone, and a sufficiently quiet and private workspace to telework.
- At the time students receive and accept a paid placement offer, they must provide written documentation demonstrating they are full-time students in good academic standing as defined by their schools. Applications from students who will be starting college/university during the 2025-26 academic year will not be considered.
- The undergraduate student hired for this placement will work part-time for the fall semester (15 hours/week for 12 weeks for a total of 180 paid hours). The undergraduate student will be hired as a student assistant and be paid the hourly rate of \$17.75.
- \*Applications are accepted online until September 12, 2025, and paid placement offers are made on a rolling basis.
- Students who are hired for the fall program may begin their placements on September 3, 2025, or after.
- United States (U.S.) citizenship and New York state residency are not required, but applicants must be eligible to be employed in the U.S.
- Applicants are encouraged to learn more about OAG bureaus and regional offices prior to submitting their
  applications by reviewing information that is available on the <u>public website</u>.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.

# **How to Apply**

The following section provides detailed information about the application process and application requirements. Please review the complete list of instructions prior to preparing and submitting your application materials online.

- Applications for fall paid placements must be submitted online. To apply, please click the following link: <u>www.ag.ny.gov/job-postings/undergraduate-graduate-students</u>
- Applications are submitted separately for each bureau/regional office, and an applicant's candidacy for each application is determined separately by each bureau/regional office.
- \*Applications are accepted online until September 12, 2025, and placement offers are made on a rolling basis.
- The following four (4) documents must be submitted with your application:

Your documents should reflect your own work product. Once submitted, you will not be able to access or edit your application. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to have someone review/proofread your documents ahead of submitting your application online.

### 1. Cover Letter

- You may choose to address your letter to the Legal Recruitment Unit.
- Indicate why you are interested in a placement with OAG and what makes you a strong candidate.
- You may wish to include information about what life experiences you will bring to the position that will
  enhance OAG's ability to better serve the diverse population of this state.

### 2. Resume

Ensure your resume is complete and current prior to submitting your application.

### 3. Reference List

- Submit a list of three (3) professional references (i.e., supervisor or professor).
- For each reference, indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.
- Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.
  - Please note that your references will not be contacted until after you interview for the placement.

## 4. Writing Sample

- Submit a paper completed for school or a writing sample that was prepared for a job or during an internship/externship.
- Submit a sample that demonstrates your ability to analyze and organize information into an effective document.
- We recommend submitting a sample that is 3-6 pages in length.
- If needed, please include a cover page providing the reviewer with any relevant background information or context.
- Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your candidacy.
- If a bureau wishes to schedule an interview, they will contact you directly to arrange this meeting.

If you have questions about a placement with OAG, the application process, or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at <a href="mailto:recruitment@ag.ny.gov">recruitment@ag.ny.gov</a> .