

Dear Admitted Student,

Congratulations on your admission to Berkeley Law! The Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded and supported by students and alumni of Berkeley Law and independent of Berkeley Law, would like to share a unique scholarship opportunity for admitted students of color who are pursuing careers in social justice.

Since 1997, BLF has offered the Phoenix Fellowship to outstanding students who identify as students of color with a commitment to public interest work. BLF founded the Phoenix Fellowship in the aftermath of Proposition 209, which abolished affirmative action in the UC system, as part of BLF's commitment to desegregate higher education and break down the barriers for lawyers of color to pursue public interest careers. In 2020, BLF renamed the fellowship in memory of the Honorable Justice Allen E. Broussard, an illustrious Berkeley Law graduate who advocated for the diversification of the profession.

The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship provides scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 for the first year of law school. The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship is funded by the generosity of students, faculty, lawyers, and law firms. We are a separate organization from Berkeley Law. We do not receive funding from the law school, nor does the law school participate in the selection process.

All admitted students of color with a history of public interest work and a desire to pursue public interest work after law school are encouraged to apply for the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship. The Selection Committee is looking for applicants with **a demonstrated commitment to social justice and a desire to pursue a legal career focused on these issues**. The Committee also considers financial need, so we invite you to share any circumstances that you believe demonstrate your particular financial need. The application consists of the application cover page (attached), your resume, and a 2-4 page statement of purpose (12-point font). You are free to reuse or adapt your Berkeley Law application materials (which the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Selection Committee will not otherwise see).

Please email your application materials in **one PDF document** (including cover page, resume, and statement of purpose) using the email subject line **Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Application** to **Broussardphoenixfellowship@gmail.com**. Remember to sign and date the cover page.

Fellowships will be awarded on a rolling basis with priority given to application received by June 4, 2025. However, applications submitted after that date will also be considered. Applicants who are chosen as finalists will then be contacted to schedule an interview via phone or Zoom with the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Committee. If you have any questions, please contact the Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Committee at **Broussardphoenixfellowship@gmail.com**.

Sincerely,

The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship Committee
Berkeley Law Foundation