

2026 1L Keith Wetmore Fellowship for Excellence, Diversity, and Inclusion

The 1L Keith Wetmore Fellowship for Excellence, Diversity, and Inclusion is designed to provide exceptional law students with a demonstrated commitment to inclusion in the legal profession with the training, mentorship, and exposure necessary for their professional development and engagement. The Fellowship is just one of the many ways Morrison Foerster actualizes its commitment to creating opportunities for talented individuals with diverse experiences in the legal industry.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Since 2012, MoFo has awarded 186 fellowships.
- Participation in a variety of programs that bring together Wetmore Fellows for substantive training sessions and engagement with MoFo attorneys, including our Virtual Pre-Summer Associate Program Kick-Off, In-Person Fellowship Retreat, and Mentoring Circles with firm leaders.



FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS RECEIVE

- A paid summer associate position in a MoFo U.S. office following your first year of law school.
- A fellowship award of \$50,000, distributed in up to two installments, contingent upon the satisfactory completion of each Summer Associate Program and the recipient's receipt and acceptance of a full-time associate offer following law school graduation.
- A team of attorney mentors during the Summer Associate Program.
- For the first two years as a full-time associate, Fellows will join the Wetmore Bridge Program ("Bridge"). Bridge is designed to support a seamless transition from law school to professional practice by cultivating meaningful, career-enhancing relationships from the start.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Good standing as a first-year law student at an ABA-accredited law school.
- Demonstrated commitment to embracing inclusion and accessibility.
- Ability to bring a diverse perspective to the firm as a result of your adaptability, resilience, and life experiences.
- Demonstrated record of academic achievement, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, leadership, and community involvement.
- U.S. citizenship or authorization to work in the United States.



APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Current résumé.
- Transcripts for all degrees (completed and in-progress).
- Personal statement of 500 words or less explaining:
 1. What led you to pursue a law degree.
 2. Your interest in MoFo.
 3. Concrete examples of:
 - Your commitment to inclusion within your community or otherwise, and/or
 - How your life experiences have shaped your unique ability to contribute to MoFo, including its commitment to inclusivity.

Application Procedures

Please visit careers.mofo.com/#apply and click on the "Law Students + Graduates" link to apply for the office for which you wish to be considered. Candidates should apply to one office only.

Applications will be accepted through January 30, 2026 and in accordance with your school's recruiting guidelines. All application materials should be uploaded in PDF format.

Questions?

For more information and to answer any questions about the program, please contact Ashley Grinchis, Associate Director, Campus Recruiting, at AGrinchis@mofo.com.

To learn more about our people, our practice areas, and our work, please visit mofo.com. Morrison Foerster provides equal employment opportunity for all applicants and employees. More details about our equal employment opportunity policy can be found here: <https://careers.mofo.com/candidate-data-privacy-policy>.

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Frequently Asked Questions



Do my chances of acceptance increase if I apply to more than one office?

The Wetmore Fellowship Program is designed to recruit high-performing law students who will ultimately become full-time MoFo associates. To that end, you should only apply to the office in the city where you genuinely would like to live and begin your legal career. Candidates should apply to one office only, but may apply for more than one 1L program in that office. For example, if you qualify for both programs, you may apply to both the Wetmore Fellowship and the Two-Summer Patent Program in one office.



My law school grades will not be released by the application deadline. Can I still apply?

You can and should still apply. Please submit all other application materials by the application deadline and follow up with your law school grades as soon as they become available.



How important are law school grades?

As with any competitive process, law school grades are important evaluative factors. However, other factors which allow us to review your candidacy holistically, including a quality personal statement, relevant professional experience, demonstrated leadership roles, and ties to the geographic area to which you are applying, are also weighed.



How important is the personal statement for the Wetmore Fellowship?

The personal statement is an essential component of your application. In addition to demonstrating your writing ability, an effective personal statement provides us with a sense of who you are as an individual and a candidate, and gives us insight into your desire to contribute to the MoFo community as well as the greater community at large.



When can I expect to be informed of the status of my candidacy?

Applications are selected and reviewed on a rolling basis. You should expect to hear from the office to which you applied regarding the status of your candidacy by no later than mid-February.