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Legal Fellowship Audrey Irmas Project for Women and Girls' Rights

The Women & Girls Rights Project (WGR) is seeking to sponsor a recent law school graduate in a two-year legal fellowship beginning in September 2022 through either the Skadden or Equal Justice Works (EJW) fellowship programs. (One to two-year Law school funded or other funded fellowships that substantially mirror the financial supports and framework of the Skadden and EJW programs will also be considered.)

We strongly encourage people of color, people with disabilities, LGBT people, and people from other historically excluded groups to apply.

Our Project

WGR was launched in May 2017, with a generous grant from the Audrey Irmas Foundation for Social Justice. It is Public Counsel's newest project area. The mission of our project is to advance equality, justice and economic opportunity for low-income women and girls in the Los Angeles area. Working at the intersection of gender, race/ethnicity, disability, and socio-economic status, WGR accomplishes this mission through a combination of one-on-one direct legal services, community engagement, impact litigation, and policy advocacy.

Our project is currently focused on two key areas:

- **Workplace Justice and Opportunity:** Defending the right of low-wage women workers to a safe and fair work environment free from exploitation, discrimination, and harassment; and advancing policies to combat gender discrimination and support working women and their families.
- **Equity & Empowerment: Young Women and Girls K-12:** Addressing barriers to equal education by representing student survivors of sexual harassment and assault, and advocating for students who are parents and caregivers

Fellowship projects should fall within one of these two focus areas and serve women and girls in the Los Angeles area. Where possible, proposals should focus on underserved populations, including black, transgender, immigrant, disabled and/or limited-English speaking workers and students, or on settings/industries where discrimination/harassment is rife and low-income women and students do not have access to legal services. Projects implemented in partnership with worker centers, clinics, educational institutions and/or other community organizations/advocates are encouraged.

To Apply:

Candidates should submit a resume, two references or letters of recommendation, and a brief summary of the project they are proposing to the Directing Attorney at the address below.

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Please see the fellowship organizations eligibility requirements at:
<https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/become-a-fellow/>
<https://www.skaddenfellowships.org/application>.