

American Bar Association  
Commission on Immigration  
Detention & LOP Information Line  
Winter 2021-2022 and Spring 2022 Internship Opportunity

The ABA Detention & LOP Information Line is the only pro bono provider that receives calls from 200+ immigrant detention centers in the country. This internship is a great opportunity to receive hands-on experience working in the immigration and detention fields with a chance to help immigrants every day.

The hotline does not provide legal advice or representation, only legal information, in order to empower pro se individuals to represent themselves. Interns are extensively trained and are then expected to answer calls from detained migrants, answer their questions, log data, and attend a weekly team meeting and training. Remote interns are supervised via an active group chat in Microsoft Teams as well as weekly check-ins. Prior knowledge of or experience in immigration law is not required but is a plus. Spanish fluency is highly preferred. We are currently recruiting interns for Winter 2021-2022 (November 2021-end of January 2022, with an option to extend into spring if appropriate) and Spring 2022 (January through April 2022, with an option to extend into the summer if appropriate). Internships will be fully remote. Those in the DC area may opt for a hybrid format after January, depending on COVID regulations.

More information is available at

[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_interest/immigration/projects\\_initiatives/detainee-correspondence-project-internship/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/immigration/projects_initiatives/detainee-correspondence-project-internship/).

#### Qualifications

At least 18 years of age, upperclassman undergraduate (rising to third or fourth year), current law student, recent undergrad or law school graduate (up to one year out of school), or accepted into higher education institution with deferred admission.

All liberal arts majors accepted. Undergraduates not studying in a related field but with a strong demonstrated interest in the subject matter of the internship may also apply. Current graduate students may also apply if their field of study is related to the internship (e.g. public policy, community work, criminal justice, etc.).

A minimum of eight weeks commitment is required. Hiring for full-time and part-time interns. Part-time interns must commit a minimum of two days.

Spanish language skills highly preferred. Other language skills a plus.

We also accept translation only interns to assist with translation of written materials. These interns are not responsible for taking calls. Written translation needs include Portuguese, French, Arabic, Turkish, Haitian Creole, Persian, South Asian languages, and several other languages.

#### How to apply

Please send your resume directly to [zohal.khan@americanbar.org](mailto:zohal.khan@americanbar.org). State in the email why you are interested in the internship. No other application materials required.