

**Environmental and Energy Law Program
George Washington University Law School
Environmental Law Fellow Position
2024-2026**

Academic Title: Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Environmental Law Program Fellow

Rank: Visiting Associate Professor

Discipline: Law

Contract Type: Visiting, Renewable Appointment

Proposed Start Date: 7/1/2024

Full-Time/Part-Time: Full-Time

Position Description Summary

The George Washington University Law School is pleased to announce the availability of a graduate Fellowship beginning in July 2024 for a twelve-month, renewable appointment. The Fellow will have the title of Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Environmental Law Program Fellow.

This Fellowship offers many advantages, with opportunities and professional connections available across the university and the nation's capital, including:

- Prime location in the heart of Washington, D.C., within walking or Metro distance of leading environmental governmental agencies, national and international organizations, and embassies
- Opportunities to attend or participate in numerous programs and events of interest in the environmental law and policy field, both in the law school and across the vibrant university campus, including at the prestigious Elliott School of International Affairs
- Multidisciplinary connections through the [GWU Alliance for a Sustainable Future](#), a university-wide initiative that unites members of the GWU community who support climate change and sustainability work through a strategic alliance of research institutes, academic programs, organizations, and individuals
- Networking opportunities with GW Law's environmental and energy law alumni
- Opportunities to collaborate on writing projects with GW Law faculty who are leaders in their fields
- Collaboration opportunities with partner organizations such as the Environmental Law Institute, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, Center for International Environmental Law, and national headquarters of major environmental groups
- International connections with visiting dignitaries, graduate students, and visiting scholars

Fellows receive an annual salary commensurate with experience and are eligible to participate in the University's benefits program.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

The Fellow will be expected to co-teach or teach a course in the Environmental & Energy Law program each semester after the first semester, and may guest lecture in other courses if time permits. The Fellow may also have an opportunity to teach a course in an area of interest / expertise and advise students on independent research projects. Previous Fellows have benefited from other teaching opportunities of a multidisciplinary character (e.g., in the Elliott School of International Affairs and in GW's undergraduate Introduction to Sustainability course).

The Fellow will engage in environmental law research in the Fellow's area of interest or expertise and is expected to publish articles that result from the research. The Fellow also is expected to deliver presentations in two or three professional conferences per year, with funding provided through the Law School, as determined by the Assistant Dean for Environmental Law.

The Fellow is responsible for preparing and editing the Program's [quarterly newsletter](#) and generating content for the program's social media platforms. The Fellow also edits and solicits articles for the Program blog, [The GW Point Source](#). The Fellow assists in organizing and publicizing of multiple major environmental law conferences each year, including the annual [Shapiro Symposium](#) and annual [Shapiro Distinguished Lecture](#), as well as other program events. The Fellow also reviews and shortlists submissions for the commemorative Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Scholarship and organizes the Grodsky Prize presentation.

About 20% of the Fellow's work, occasionally more depending on event schedules, involves communication, outreach, and administrative support of the Environmental Law Program, including conference and event planning and managing the program's newsletter and blog.

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants must have:

- a J.D. (or equivalent international degree);
- an LL.M. in environmental law, a J.D. concentration in environmental law or a related field, or a master's degree in a related field;
- strong academic writing, research, and organizational skills;
- environmental law practice experience, teaching experience, published environmental law scholarship, or comparable demonstration of commitment to environmental law;
- interest in pursuing an academic, research-focused, or public interest career in environmental law;
- interest in advancing new program initiatives such as launching and managing a podcast on environmental law issues and supporting the administration of an Earth Law Moot Court Competition in 2024;
- collaborative event management experience and strong communications skills; and
- professional experience in social media engagement.

Special Instructions to Applicant

Applicants should send a letter of interest, a detailed resume or Curriculum Vita, a legal writing sample, a list of three or more references, and a complete law school transcript by January 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST to Randall Abate, Assistant Dean for Environmental Law Studies, at randall.abate@law.gwu.edu. Please direct any questions about the position to Dean Abate. Only complete applications will be considered.

Please note that we cannot authorize visas for international applicants.

Background Screening: Successful completion of a background screening will be required as a condition of hire.

EEO Statement: The University and the Law School have a strong commitment to achieving diversity among faculty and staff. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from members of underrepresented groups and strongly encourage women, persons of color, and LGBTQ candidates to apply for these positions. The University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer that does not unlawfully discriminate in any of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or on any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

Applicant Documents (Required Documents)

- 1) Cover Letter
- 2) Curriculum Vita/Resume
- 3) Legal Writing Sample
- 4) Contact Information for References
- 5) Complete Law School Transcript(s)