

→ Guy N. Halgren Fellowship

About the Fellowship

Law students are the future of our profession. It is critically important that we proactively help promising students and champion the next generation of great lawyers. The Fellowship is named in honor of our Chair Emeritus, Guy Halgren, for his longstanding commitment to our core values of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Fellowship recipients will have the opportunity to work across two practice groups within their home office. This provides exposure to a broader range of legal work, helping our Fellows make more informed decisions about their future legal careers.

Each year, the firm awards \$50,000* to three talented law students whose resilience and grit will contribute to the richness and excellence of our firm.

Eligibility

Qualified applicants will meet the following requirements:

- 1L law student enrolled and in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school
- Participation as a summer associate for the full 10 weeks of the upcoming summer program
- Non-recipient of a similar fellowship or award from another law firm paid during the same period
- Long-term interest in practicing in one of Sheppard Mullin's U.S. offices
- Authorization to work in the United States

Criteria

In evaluating candidates, we will consider the following:

- History of personal, academic, and professional achievement
- Demonstrated commitment to ensuring inclusion for all and improving the communities in which they live, study, or work
- Demonstrated ability to overcome significant obstacles in life such as socio-economic disadvantage, disability, being the first in their family to attend college, attending under-resourced schools, or other considerable hardships or challenges
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Financial need

How and When to Apply

Application period: November 3, 2025 – January 2, 2026

To apply, please go to our Current Openings page and the link can be found under Entry Level/Summer Associates.

A complete application will include:

- Resume, undergraduate and law school transcript, and cover letter
- Completion of Sheppard Mullin's Suited assessment
- Personal statement addressing the following questions:
 - Explain the road you have traveled to get to law school. What experiences were most influential in shaping your desire to become a lawyer and how did they demonstrate your ability to overcome significant life obstacles?
 - Explain your interest in pursuing a long-term career with Sheppard Mullin
 - Describe how you will continue to serve your community and promote inclusion in the legal industry
 - Financial need
- Completion of interview with selection committee

For any questions about this fellowship, please contact Donovan Hunter, Firmwide Entry-Level Recruiting Manager, at drhunter@sheppardmullin.com.

The pay range for this 10-week position is \$225,000 - \$225,000 per year. Please note that the foregoing compensation information is a good-faith assessment associated with this position only and is provided pursuant to the New York City Salary Transparency Law.

*The firm will pay out the \$50,000 fellowship grant to each fellow in three installments:

1. \$20,000 upon acceptance of 1L and 2L summer associate positions at Sheppard Mullin
2. \$15,000 upon completion of 2L summer and acceptance of post-graduate position at Sheppard Mullin
3. \$15,000 after joining firm as a full-time associate, to be paid out during January of first year of practice

New York City Local Law No. 144 Notice

Pursuant to New York City Local Law No. 144, Sheppard Mullin provides the following disclosures:

Sheppard Mullin uses the automated employment decision tool Suited to assess candidates who seek employment with the firm as attorneys, including candidates who reside in New York City. Suited exclusively collects and analyzes psychometric data provided by individual candidates during each candidate's assessment. Pursuant to its data retention policy, Sheppard Mullin retains candidate scores generated by Suited for three (3) years. For more information regarding Sheppard Mullin's use of Suited, please contact Caroline Menes at (310) 228-6163 or cmenes@sheppardmullin.com.

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