



# Gideon Fellowship for Criminal Defense

# The Fellowship

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- Unparalleled exposure to indigent defense representation to one outstanding student each year.
- The Fellowship is structured as a series of clinical experiences, offering a progression which gives the Fellow exposure to many areas of indigent defense work.
- The Fellow is selected through an application and interview process.

# The Fellowship

- The Fellow is expected to spend the summer term in the Public Defender Clinic which includes the Maricopa County Defender's Office, the fall term at a different division in the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, and the spring term at the Federal Public Defender's Office.

**Office of the Public Defender**

*Maricopa County, Arizona*

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# Details of the Program

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- The Program is administered by the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Clinical Program.
- The Fellow receives twelve (12) pass/fail credits
- The Fellow is recognized at the Arizona Public Defender conference in June
- The Fellow is expected to write two articles for publication in criminal practitioner publications

# Public Defender Clinic

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- Summer session with placement at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office
- 30 hours per week
  - All day availability
- Seminar component
- Drug and DUI cases
  - Search and seizure issues
  - Scientific evidence
- Evidence is a prerequisite

# Seminar

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- The Fellow takes the Public Defender Clinic in the summer with Prof. Dan Lowrance
- The Fellow will register for the Fall and Spring Seminars
- The Class meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:55

# Scholarship

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- A stipend in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be awarded to the Fellow
  - \$750.00 in the Spring
  - \$750.00 in the Fall

# Maricopa County Public Defender's Office

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- Fall semester
- 150 hours required this semester
- Class 4, 5, and 6 felonies
- Variety of court proceedings
  - Brief writing
- For the Defense
  - Monthly publication for the County Defender's Office
  - 1 article

# Federal Public Defender's Office

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- Spring semester
- 150 hours required this semester
- Capital Habeas Unit
- Strong research and writing skills
- Understanding of death penalty work
- Background check required
- The Defender
  - Quarterly publication - Az Attorneys for Criminal Justice
  - 1 article

# Application Information

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- Candidates are to submit
  - Resume
  - Cover Letter indicating why you are interested in criminal defense
  - Unofficial Transcript

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009 to Zelda Graham in Room 106 or by email at [roselda.graham@asu.edu](mailto:roselda.graham@asu.edu)

# Interview Process

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- The Selection Committee will personally interview each applicant
- Interviews will be conducted the first week of December
- The Fellowship will be awarded in December

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