February 5, 2013

Dear Classmates:

Hi, and thank you for your interest in our Public Interest Experience (PIE) Grants program. We're excited to let you know that there will definitely be funding available for 2013 summer employment. The amount of available funding depends largely on what we, the students, can do in the coming weeks as we prepare for the PIE Auction being held March 7, 2013 at The FieldHouse. In this letter we'd like to tell you about the PIE Grants Board, the application process, and our current priorities.

THE PIE BOARD

The PIE Board is a committee of students working *primarily to raise funds* for students' Public Interest Experience summer grants. The current Board membership is listed at the end of this letter. It consists of individuals who were involved in the PIE Program and received grants last year.

THE GRANTS COMMITTEE & SELECTION PROCESS

The Grants Committee is a subset of the PIE Board which has drafted this application and will oversee the application process. The application process has been approved by the administration and is described for you on the following pages. Please note that all students seeking public interest employment are encouraged to apply, including those who received PIE grants last year.

The application is due Friday, March 22, 2013 by 12:00pm. The Selection Committee will hold an interview with each applicant. After interviewing all applicants, the Selection Committee will determine the 2013 grantees. Grant Recipients will be announced by Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Those students selected for PIE Grants will be named Drexel Law Public Interest Summer Fellows. Students who are applying for grants, themselves, are barred from serving on the Selection Committee.

PRIORITIES

The PIE Board has identified two major priorities in selecting grantees. One is to further prepare students pursuing a career in public interest law to be experienced candidates for highly selective public interest jobs after graduation. The other major priority is encouraging students' enthusiastic involvement in the public interest sector, which can become a financial impossibility when public interest internships do not provide compensation.

To those students seeking funding for judicial internships: PIE Grants will not be awarded to students seeking judicial internships. The PIE Board has discussed this issue at length, and has come to the conclusion that there may be instances when a student's internship wholly aligns itself with the priorities described above. Currently, however, we recognize that most law school students throughout the country who work as judicial interns do so on a volunteer basis. Judicial internships mainly assist the efficiency of an individual judge, not the underrepresented parties who otherwise remain in need. In short, rare is the case when a judicial internship will receive funding that is earmarked for PIE Grants.

Our goal is to fund as many students as possible. Ideally, the PIE Board would love to fund every student who applies. However, funding opportunities depend on - and are limited by - the amount of money we are able to raise between now and the close of the application process. Additionally, we fully intend for students to maximize the use of Work-Study funds.

You can help expand the pot of funds. Talk to your friends and family, and tell them about our Public Interest Auction occurring on Thursday, March 7th at The FieldHouse. Get them to donate items for the auction; ask them to join us for the evening of food, entertainment, and bidding; tell your professors that you want them to be there. The more people involved the more money we make, the more students will receive grants for summer employment. If you're interested in being more involved now, email us, and we'll put you to work.

Lastly, we hope you'll recognize that this effort has been manned by your fellow students. We are working very hard to ensure that money will be available to students this year so we all have the opportunity to access it. We're open to your suggestions and comments for implementing the grants process in the future, and we're happy to answer any questions you have after reading through the application packet. Email them to: PIEGrant@drexel.edu, or come talk to one of us.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. Good luck!

Yours,

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EARLE MACK SCHOOL OF LAW
PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT GRANTS
2013 Application

WHAT ARE PUBLIC INTEREST GRANTS?

Public Interest Employment Grants (PIE Grants) provide stipends to Earle Mack School of Law students who are taking unpaid, summer public interest positions. These students are committed to the public interest and intend to pursue a public interest career after law school. The purpose of the grant is to offset the costs of living for students who incur significant financial burden by taking an unpaid position for the summer. The Public Interest Employment Grants Board (PIE Grants Board) hopes students will gain invaluable experience, skills, contacts, and insight to further enable them to find employment after law school in the competitive practice of public interest law.

How do I qualify for a grant?

- All students currently enrolled at Earle Mack School of Law are eligible to apply for a summer grant regardless of academic year or GPA; however, priority will be given to 2L students, students who have shown a commitment to public interest law, and students who submit outstanding applications.
- The grantee must secure a position performing public interest legal work during the summer months of 2013. To qualify, the job placement must be both **nonprofit** and **nonpartisan.** Positions with the District Attorney or Public Defenders Association are also considered to be public interest. Students with unpaid judicial internships will **not** be considered for funding.

How much money can I expect to receive?

Funding will depend on the success of the PIE Auction and other student fundraising activities. Disbursements will be awarded considering, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Full-time versus part-time work;
- Amount of financial assistance received through other sources, such as work-study (when available) or community grant;
- Specificity of the request; and
- The number of other students seeking grants.

General Allocation Criteria:

- Allocation criteria will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with appropriate consideration given for full-time employment. If your project or placement does not fit the traditional criteria, describe your circumstances on a separate piece of paper.

Instructions:

- All applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 22th, 2013 no later than noon (12:00 pm)**
- **Provide your resume** and certification page (included with packet).
- **Applications submitted in hard copy** should be delivered to Karen Pearlman Raab, Director for Pro Bono and Public Interest Programs, in Suite 410 of the law school building, 3320 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.
- **Applications submitted by email** should be sent to PIEGrant@Drexel.edu with the subject: "2013 PIE Grant Application." You must still provide a hard copy of the original, signed certification page to Karen Pearlman Raab in Suite 410 of the law school building.
- Grant recipients will be announced by **Wednesday, April 10, 2013.** There will be a reception for grant recipients on Friday, April 12th.

What is required of a PIE Grantee?

- ✓ Upon completion of their summer positions, PIE Grantees may be required to provide a short essay describing their summer experience working in the public interest sector. This essay may be printed in the Drexel Docket.
- ✓ The 2013 PIE Grant Class will be required to participate in the following year's auction to raise funds for the 2014 PIE Grants.

What is the selection process?

The PIE Grants Board will assemble a Selection Committee of students, faculty, and members of the administration. This Selection Committee will select PIE Grant recipients and allocate funds. Only student members of the PIE Grants Board who are not applying for PIE Grants themselves will be permitted on the Selection Committee.

Each applicant will interview with a panel of students and faculty. The purpose of the interview is to get to know the applicant and clarify any questions which may arise from the application. All interviews are confidential and should last 15 - 20 minutes. Interviews must be completed prior to April 9th. Following the interview, the panel will discuss each application and make a recommendation to the larger Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will then meet and make allocations of grants. Factors the Selection Committee will consider include:

- ✓ The certainty of the offer for a summer position;
- ✓ Whether the summer position fits the criteria for public interest as defined above;
- ✓ The applicant's commitment to public interest work, as displayed by past work or desire expressed in the personal statement and interview;
- ✓ The applicant's willingness to accept an unpaid position regardless of the guarantee of funding.

Questions?

Any questions can be directed to PIEGrant@drexel.edu

CHECKLIST

1. _____ Resume
2. _____ Complete Application
3. _____ Enclosed Statement of Interest
4. _____ Certification Page
5. _____ Submitted on Time

EARLE MACK SCHOOL OF LAW
PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT GRANTS
2013 Application

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Concentration _____

Applying for: ____ full time ____ part time ____ other (*please describe on separate sheet*)

Please describe any volunteer work done in the past 2 years (*other than what is included in your resume*):

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Please describe any pro bono work done while in law school:

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EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Placement _____

Projected Start and End Dates _____

Name of Supervisor _____

Phone of Supervisor _____

Email of Supervisor _____

General Overview of Placement _____

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How many hours a week do you expect to work? _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please submit a short statement of interest (a couple of sentences to a paragraph), briefly describing the nature of any previous public interest experiences, your future plans, if any, for public interest work, and how your proposed internship relates to your goals.

EARLE MACK SCHOOL OF LAW
PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT GRANTS
2013 Application Statement of Intent

I am applying for a Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law Public Interest Employment Grant for the summer of 2013. In submitting this application, I certify that all of the following statements are true:

- I have read the entire 2013 PIE Grant application. I understand its contents and agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined therein. Furthermore, I have complied with all the application guidelines.
- To the best of my knowledge, all the information submitted in support of my PIE Grant application is complete and accurate.
- I understand that I may earn money from additional sources and I agree to truthfully disclose such information so that the PIE Grants Board can accurately assess my financial status in order to fairly award grants to applicants.
- If awarded a PIE Grant, I will work in the position listed in my application (or listed in an approved amendment to my application) for the time period approved by the PIE Grants Board.
- I understand that if I am awarded a PIE Grant, I will be required to participate in the following year's auction to raise funds for the 2014 PIE Grants.
- I understand that my award is contingent upon my continued enrollment at the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law.
- I understand that if I am terminated from or discontinue my public interest employment before its expected completion, I must return the amount of received grant money that is proportionate with the amount of work not completed.

I understand that failure to comply with any of the above conditions may be grounds for the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law to remove my application from consideration, or undertake other disciplinary action, as it deems appropriate.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____