LexisNexis Legal and Professional Rule of Law Foundation Fellowship

LexisNexis Legal and Professional Rule of Law Foundation in partnership with the LNLP African Ancestry Network is pleased to announce a partnership with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Law School Consortium (HBCULSC) which will enable two fellows at each of the six law schools in the HBCULSC to participate in a prestigious fellowship program with LexisNexis. We are seeking applicants for the 2021 Fellowship that will run from March through November of this year. Applicants should meet the following requirements:

- Passion for and commitment to addressing the challenge of systemic racism in the legal system
- Current enrollment in one of the HBCULSC law schools (2L or greater)
- Ability to dedicate between 5 – 10 hours per week to Fellowship
- GPA of at least 2.5

The Fellowship will award $10,000 to selected applicants. Participants will engage in a unique experience where Fellows will have the opportunity to identify and address the challenge of systemic racism in the legal system. Fellows will spend nine months accelerating their career, developing their leadership skills and creating opportunities to make a real difference. Participants will:

- Partner with LexisNexis Legal & Professional employees to examine problems and implement solutions that address the challenge of systemic racism in the legal system while understanding and advancing the four key elements of the rule of law.
- Receive mentorship from LNLP to enhance your technology, analytic and leadership skills.
- Obtain exposure and presentation experience through the development of virtual programming to address topics related to ending systemic racism in the legal system. Virtual programming will be open to HBCULSC students, the National Bar Association (NBA), LNLP employees and other interested parties.
- Present the results of the Fellowship projects to the HBCULSC Deans and the LNLP CEO and executive team at the conclusion of the program.

Who we are

LexisNexis helps lawyers win cases, manage their work more efficiently, serve their clients better and grow their practices. We assist corporations in better understanding their markets and preventing bribery and corruption within their supply chains. We partner with leading global associations and customers to help advance the Rule of Law across the world.

LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which has the mission to advance the rule of law around the world. The foundation efforts focus on the four key elements of the rule of law: transparency of the law, accessible legal remedy, equal treatment under the law, and independent judiciaries.

The African Ancestry Network (AAN) is organized as an official network for employees of African descent of the RELX Group family of companies. AAN embraces our corporate diversity initiatives aimed at improving the company’s competitiveness by increasing the representation, development, promotion, and retention of black employees.
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Submission Requirements

1. Completion of this form confirming interest in the program and prerequisite qualifications.
2. Submission of a current CV or Resume.
3. Identify an aspect of systemic racism in the legal community. Write a three-paragraph essay that describes this area and discusses a proposed activity or idea that could be taken to mitigate, reduce, or eliminate the harms of systemic racism. The submission should relate to at least one of the four key elements of the rule of law as identified in the LNROLF mission. Explain how your project would leverage the volunteer time and talent of LexisNexis employees with skills in a variety (technical, data, legal, editorial, writing, etc.) of fields. Given the 501(c)(3) status of the foundation, proposed projects cannot be political in nature.
4. Submit all 3 documents and any related questions to LNFellowship@lexisnexis.com by 5 PM on February 15, 2021.

Selection Process

- The application deadline is February 15, 2021.
- A panel of judges will review the applicants and select two candidates from each HBCULSC university.
- Candidates selected for the fellowship will be notified within two weeks following the application closing date.
- The Fellowship program is scheduled to start on March 1, 2021. Further details will be released to selected candidates prior to program start.