

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION
2015 PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

ABOUT SABA-NC AND THE SABA-NC FOUNDATION

The South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (“SABA-NC”) strives to advocate for the South Asian community, promote alliances among South Asian legal professionals in Northern California and throughout the nation, support those who value diversity in the legal profession, assist law students and those interested in the law, provide information to members on careers and the legal market in Northern California, and provide an avenue for professionals and other community leaders to take an interest in matters of concern to South Asian attorneys. The SABA-NC Foundation (“Foundation”) is the charitable arm of SABA-NC. It was established in 1999 to support SABA-NC’s community outreach and advocacy programs.

The SABA-NC Foundation’s mission is to promote access to justice for all people in the community, particularly those struggling with economic crisis, abuse, and discrimination. The Foundation is the embodiment of SABA-NC’s commitment to this fundamental principle. The SABA-NC Foundation accomplishes this mission by providing fellowships and grants to law students and organizations that seek to provide quality legal services and address unmet legal needs in the South Asian community and the Northern California community-at-large.

ABOUT THE SABA-NC FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

The Foundation provides financial assistance in the form of a post-bar fellowship for recent graduate who has just completed the bar and who will be working at a public interest or government agency. The primary purpose of the fellowship is to help fund a student’s internship with a public interest organization or government agency in Northern California that is doing work, which impacts the South Asian community or the Northern California community-at-large.

FELLOWSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Each applicant must have recently graduated from law school in good standing and must plan to volunteer or clerk for a public interest organization or government agency following taking the July 2015 California Bar Exam. This Fellowship is intended to provide a stipend for individuals who are not receiving payment or who are receiving below market value for their public interest work with a non-profit or government agency. The Foundation considers all of the materials submitted by the applicant. Other factors that the Foundation may consider include commitment to public service, financial need, academic achievement, and other personal circumstances.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND PROJECT PERIOD

The Foundation intends to fund one applicant for a total of up to \$2,000 per month for up to four months commencing in September or October 2015, not exceeding a total of \$8,000. The

Foundation may increase or decrease the award amount, to fund in whole or in part, or to terminate the funding contingent on performance or maintenance of qualifying employment.

SABA-NC FOUNDATION NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Foundation not to discriminate on the basis of age, gender, disability, race, color, creed, religion, ethnicity, national origin, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must submit the following materials: (1) cover letter, which includes a statement about financial need and any payment that is being received from the agency; (2) resume; (3) list of two references; (4) writing sample; (5) unofficial law school transcript and (6) Employer Form, which is attached to the application. Applicants may also submit the following optional materials: letters of recommendation, and any additional evidence of financial need. Application materials must be sent no later than 5 p.m. on August 30, 2015, to the following email address: Priya Brandes, SABA-NC Secretary, secretary@southasianbar.org.

**SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION
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This form must be submitted, along with a letter from the prospective employer as detailed below, as part of the application for a SABA-NC Fellowship. It must be completed by an employer, supervisor or professor under whose supervision the applicant will be working during the period of the fellowship.

Employer Name:

Employer Address:

Immediate Supervisor's Name and Telephone Number:

What Type of Entity is the Employer:

To the prospective employer:

On agency letterhead, please briefly describe: (a) the type of position offered to the applicant, (b) the nature of the project or work to be performed by the applicant, (c) the start date of such project work, (d) the number of hours to be worked by the applicant, (e) the length of time the applicant will be so employed or engaged; and (f) a verification that the position is unpaid.