

Community Fellows PROGRAM



FULFILLING OUR PROMISE

The University of Virginia School of Law is well known for its collegial student environment. Our students are drawn to the UVA Law community by the cooperative spirit that exists both in and out of the classroom despite the diverse backgrounds of our students and faculty. Strengthening our community and developing a sense of belonging for all students starts on day one.

The UVA Law Community Fellows Program fosters these values each year through select first-year students who serve as ambassadors to their peers throughout their time at the Law School, and later in the professional world. Participating students gain insight and develop skills that benefit them personally, from leadership to negotiation. The program facilitates and fosters the experience of the entering class by:

- Actively promoting and ensuring an environment of mutual respect, collegiality and belongingness;
- Leveraging the fellows to promote cross-sectional bonds, and bring together the entire 1L class; and
- Serving as a link for peers to the administration and greater Law School community.

LEARNING TOGETHER

After fellows are accepted into the program in the summer before their first year, they will meet together for three full days, Monday, Aug. 12-Wednesday, Aug. 14. Participants must be in Charlottesville for the duration of the program, starting at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12. All meals are provided and the schedule will include evening activities.

Fellows spend this time in community-building activities at the Law School and around the University Grounds. They will continue to work together throughout the year on a project of their choosing that enables them to share the lessons they have learned during the program with their peers. Opportunities for the fellows to come together during the academic year will also be scheduled.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be emailed to the first-year class in early June and are due by 5 p.m. EST on June 28. Decisions will be communicated by July 19

Questions can be directed to Kate Duvall, Director of Student Affairs, kduvall@law.virginia.edu, (434) 924-1173.

“The Community Fellows Program provided a chance for me to get involved as soon as possible and be someone who helps get other people involved. The fellows’ class is very diverse, and everyone I have met embodies the collegiality that you always hear about UVA Law.”

—RACHEL BARNES '20

“I think I am going to be more engaged in what my classmates are interested in, what they want to learn in law school, and what they are seeking long-term. Their interests will help my interests. It’s about teamwork.”

—JUSTIN AIMONETTI '20