

2016 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship

in public interest law

Law Students!

Would you like to spend your summer working at the cutting edge of public interest law in the United States?

Each year, FLAC in conjunction with the University of Washington, Seattle, sends an Irish law student as the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow to Seattle, Washington, for two months to get first-hand experience in human rights and public interest cases.

The Fellowship offers the successful candidate:

- the chance to work with a public interest law justice centre at the forefront of social change in Seattle;
- hands-on experience of targeted public interest litigation, policy development and campaigns;
- attendance at a lecture series on American and International Public Interest Law at the University of Washington;
- interaction and networking with law students and high profile practitioners working in public interest law in America.

The Fellowship pays for flights, accommodation and a stipend.

Who can apply?

All current law students, including students that have studied law as part of their undergraduate degree, postgraduates in law, and students of the King's Inns or Law Society professional practice courses.

How to apply

To apply, please submit an essay on an area of public interest law of your choice (max. 2000 words), along with a cover letter and CV to info@flac.ie by **Friday 15th of January 2016**. In your essay, please make specific reference to your chosen topic's relevance to public interest law.

A shortlist of applicants will be selected for interview in February 2016. The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

If you have any questions, please email info@flac.ie.



Mahmoud Abukhadir

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2015 Thomas Addis Emmet
Fellow

Mahmoud Abukhadir was the 2015 recipient of the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship. Having completed his LLB with the National University of Ireland, Galway, Mahmoud spent seven weeks working in Seattle as a legal fellow in Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Washington Appleseed is a non-profit which seeks to achieve social justice through working closely with community advocates and utilising pro bono resources.

Mahmoud was primarily involved in a re-entry project that works on recurring challenges faced by those leaving the prison system, particularly looking at the issue of debt during incarceration.

Mahmoud also conducted research for Prof. Walter Walsh at the University of Washington School of Law on draft universal anti-discrimination legislation at State level.

"The fellowship was one of the most intellectually engaging, and enriching experiences that I ever had the pleasure of undertaking"