

# 2015 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](mailto:info@flac.ie) by **Friday 13th of February 2015**.

A shortlist of applicants will be selected for interview in March 2015. The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

If you have any questions, please email [info@flac.ie](mailto:info@flac.ie).



**Eamonn Maguire**

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2014 Thomas Addis Emmet  
Fellow

Eamonn Maguire was the 2014 recipient of the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship. Currently working with the Law Society of Ireland while completing a combined LLM and LPC with the University of Law in Manchester, Eamonn spent eight 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.

Eamonn was primarily involved in a campaign for legislative change that would make it mandatory for all schools in Washington State to make a nutritionally balanced breakfast available to all students. This involved intensive analysis of cross-state jurisdictional law, regular meetings with stakeholder charities, and sourcing, conducting and transcribing a series of interviews with key players in education.

**"the Fellowship was the most fun, instructive and life-affirming experience of my legal journey to date."**