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Nature of Research: Become a student fellow at the U.S.-Asia Law Institute (USALI). The institute offers one currently enrolled NYU Law student the opportunity to work with the Asian American Scholars Forum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to advance and protect the rights of Asian Americans and immigrants through policy and legal analysis and research in the intersections of national security, civil rights, and racial justice. The student will have the status of a Research Assistant and will work under the joint supervision of USALI Executive Director Katherine Wilhelm and Asian American Scholars Forum Executive Director [Gisela Perez Kusakawa](#), an experienced civil rights lawyer.

Possible assignments may include:

- *Conduct research on proposed legislation to determine areas with potential for negative impact on Asian Americans and immigrants, and offer recommendations on the prevention of racial bias and profiling in national security policies.*
- *Conduct research on immigration and racial justice issues faced by Chinese students such as denial of entry.*
- *Advocate with legislators and executive branch officials to protect and advance the rights of Asian Americans and immigrants, particularly in the areas of profiling, hate, surveillance, and racial bias.*
- *Prepare case summaries and memos, and track case developments.*
- *Draft community education materials, coordinate meetings, and conduct outreach.*
- *Assist in organizing a conference to explore the tensions between national security and civil rights.*

Can work be done remotely? Yes.

Qualifications (be specific regarding class level: 1L, 2L, 3L or LL.M.): 2L or higher.

- *Passion for Asian American civil rights*
- *Interest in the intersection of laws involving immigration, civil rights, national security, and technology*
- *Detail-oriented and able to meet deadlines*
- *Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills*

Approximate Dates of Employment: September through April, with pauses during exam periods and holidays. Option to work for academic credit or pay.

Approximate Number of Hours/Week: maximum of 20 hours per week and overall maximum of 400 hours (20 hours for 20 weeks). Hours must be logged into PeopleSync.

Materials to Submit for Application: Resume, unofficial law school transcript, and cover letter indicating reasons for interest and highlighting any relevant past research or familiarity with the subject matter. Send via email to Stephany Ramos at ramoss@mercury.law.nyu.edu.

Deadline for application: September 15, 2023. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis so please apply as early as possible.

The [Asian American Scholar Forum](#) (AASF) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes academic belonging, openness, freedom, and equality for all. AASF was founded in response to heightened anti-Asian sentiments in the U.S. and increasing profiling and racial bias of Asian Americans and immigrants. We are a leading national voice fighting for the rights of the Asian American and immigrant scientific and academic community. We represent the individuals, families, and communities most directly affected by the profiling of Asian American scientists, researchers, and scholars and unjust prosecutions conducted before and under the now defunct Department of Justice's China Initiative.