

2026 WLALA FOUNDATION FRAN KANDEL FELLOWSHIP

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Foundation is accepting applications for 2 summer public interest law student fellowships.

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

Each Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship is available to one first or second year law student (full or part-time) for a 10-week summer externship. The 2026 fellowships will fund the following social justice-oriented projects:

1. An externship with **Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County** to create a disaster assistance guide for volunteers and legal service providers; and
2. An externship with the **Survivor Justice Center** to create a trauma-informed guide for survivors of intimate partner violence regarding interactions with the criminal justice system in Los Angeles County.

HOW MUCH IS EACH FELLOWSHIP? \$7,500 for the student and \$2,500 for the organization

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply for one or both fellowships by **Friday, February 20, 2026** by sending a cover letter, resume, and contact information for up to three references to wلالاpublicinterestfellowship@gmail.com. Please include "NLSLA Fellowship," "SJC Fellowship," or both in the subject line of the email. More information on the fellowships and the application requirements is available at <https://wlala.org/fellowships/#kandal>. The fellowships will be awarded in March 2026.

ABOUT WLALA FOUNDATION AND FRAN KANDEL

The **WLALA Foundation** facilitates the *pro bono* activities of WLALA, including scholarships and fellowships for law students, scholarships and courtroom mentoring for high school students, and volunteer legal assistance to women in the community. Visit: www.wlala.org.

Fran Kandel, the founder of this grant program in 1985, is remembered as animated, generous, honest, indomitable, celebrating of diversity, brilliant, and having a love of "humanity in general and people in particular." She graduated with highest honors from Tufts University, earned a Master's Degree from Columbia University, and attended UCLA School of Law. Fran taught social studies to troubled teenage girls in Los Angeles and worked as an appellate attorney for 17 years. She was WLALA's President (1989-1990) and received awards for pro bono work with refugees, in family law, and as chair of the Prisoners Committee of the State Bar Legal Services Section. Fran believed and proved that one person's life can make the world better.

