



**Host Site:** California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** Education Equity

**Location:** Oakland, CA (will consider requests for placements in other CRLA office locations)

**Description of Fellow Project:**

CRLA is seeking a Student Fellow to focus on legal research, drafting of legal memorandum, creating outreach materials, and working with our Education Equity team to advance impact litigation on the issues of disproportionate use of alternative schools, violations of students' rights to bilingual education, and disparities in school funding equity.

The Education Equity Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow will provide legal advocacy to low-income students, parents, and guardians with the goal of decreasing unlawful and disproportionate alternative school assignments and disciplinary action. Additionally, the Student Fellow will assist in ensuring equal access to services when alternative school assignments are made. The Student Fellow will work with our legal team to support advocacy and ongoing impact litigation regarding the implementation of California's Local Control Funding Formula, which gives parents the right to provide their input regarding school funding decisions and obliges school districts to dedicate funding to high-needs (low-income, foster youth, English Learner) students. The Fellow will contribute to ongoing advocacy efforts related to English Learner students' rights to bilingual education and to the rights of Limited English Proficient parents to interpretation and translation services that allow them to meaningfully participate in their children's education. The Fellow will also have opportunities to create education equity resource materials for the benefit of CRLA advocates and the students and families we serve.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

Demonstrated interest in youth advocacy or education a plus, but not required.

