

MIAMI LAW EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM – GENERAL OVERVIEW FOR EMPLOYERS

The University of Miami School of Law Externship Program ("Externship Program") provides second-year (2L), third-year (3L) and domestic LL.M. students an opportunity to gain practical legal experience by working with local, national, and international corporations, government agencies, public interest organizations and the judiciary for academic credit. Students gain practical legal experience by working under the supervision of lawyers, which is supplemented and enhanced by a corresponding academic course. Please note that law firms, of any size, including solo practitioners, do not qualify as an externship placement for the Externship Program.

To qualify for the Externship Program, a placement must provide the student:

- A substantive legal experience;
- An on-site supervising attorney, who directly supervises and provides feedback in connection to the student's work.

Please note that students receive academic credit for their work at the field placements. As such, students are not eligible to receive any compensation from externship employers or from any other sources including stipends or fellowships.

In order for a student to participate in and receive academic credit for his/her participation in the Externship Program:

- The student must be an enrolled student at Miami Law, in good academic standing;
- The student must submit a fully executed Student-Agency Agreement for an approved placement;
- The student must complete the work hours required for his/her elected credit amount;
- The student must complete the Externship Program Course;
- The student must maintain a time log and submit a complete Time Certification Form at the end of the externship term, verifying that he/she completed the required work hours;
- A student cannot repeat a prior externship placement for academic credit;
- There is a 9-credit cap as to the number of academic credits that a student may earn through externship placements that may be applied towards meeting a student's graduation requirements in accordance with the UM Law Registrar Office's JD Degree Requirements Self-Audit Form.

All externship placements are subject to the approval of the Miami Law Externship Program Committee.

For more information about the Externship Program or if you are interested in participating in the Externship Program, please contact Sajani Desai of the Career Development Office at sdesai@law.miami.edu.