

# RONNA K. JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP

## FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

The Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship provides annual fellowship support for Maryland Carey Law students to work with a community mediation center.

The Fellowship was established in loving memory of Ronna K. Jablow, an attorney who found her true passion in mediation. After practicing law, she became a community mediator and went on to become the director of the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program at the Baltimore City Circuit Court. Under her leadership, ADR programs were strengthened and expanded. She also partnered with the Mediation Clinic at Maryland Carey Law, providing opportunities for law students to learn about court-based mediation. Additional information about the life and legacy of Ronna K. Jablow is available at <https://law-umaryland.givecorps.com/projects/13553-scholarships-the-ronna-k-jablow-mediation-fellowship>.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to continue Ronna's legacy in advancing the cause of alternative dispute resolution and supporting conflict resolution in the community. Each Fellow will receive compensation of about \$5,500 to work approximately 400 hours during the summer in which the grant is awarded.

The Fellowship creates an opportunity for law students to address conflicts and social challenges through the lens of community-based dispute resolution. The Fellowship will include learning about the broader social issues and policy issues impacting communities and individuals. Each Fellow must receive basic and advanced inclusive mediation training<sup>1</sup> and other relevant training as required. The Fellow may have an opportunity to work on program development, research and writing, or mediation services, depending upon the needs of the community mediation center and the interests and training of the Fellow.

Fellows will work with Community Mediation Maryland (CMM) to support its coalition of 18 grassroots mediation programs serving the state of Maryland. The 18 individual centers provide free mediation services for neighborhood, family, business, school, and personal conflicts. CMM aims to address social issues by finding out where relationships matter and finding ways to bring mediation to those situations. The community mediation centers work in partnership with courts, schools, grassroots organizations, and government agencies to ensure access to mediation at any stage of a conflict.

CMM advances collaborative conflict resolution in Maryland through educating the public, providing training and quality assurance, conducting research, and creatively applying mediation to social

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<sup>1</sup> Current dates for the inclusive mediation training are: April (4/10, 4/11, 4/18, 4/24, 4/25, 5/1, 5/2) and May (5/6, 5/7, 5/13, 5/13, 5/15, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22). Other dates will be released as they become available. Please note that the training dates include make-up days.

challenges. The area of focus for the Fellow will vary annually based upon the needs of CMM. Adjustments to the Fellowship may be necessary to meet the changing conditions resulting from COVID-19. More information on Community Mediation Maryland is available at <http://www.mdmediation.org>.

## SUMMER 2021 APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications for the Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship are welcome from any current Maryland Carey Law student in good academic standing. Each Fellow will receive a salary of about \$5,500. Fellows are required to work a minimum of 400 hours during the summer for which the grant is awarded. This generally corresponds to ten, 40-hour weeks. Do not apply for the grant if you will be unable to work all 400 hours, or if you cannot attend the mandatory inclusive mediation training.

The administrator of the Summer 2021 selection process is Toby Guerin. If you have questions about the Fellowship or the application process, you may contact her at [tguerin@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:tguerin@law.umaryland.edu).

Applications and all supporting documents are due via email in a single pdf file to [cdrum@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:cdrum@law.umaryland.edu) by Monday, March 8, 2021 by 4:00pm. This deadline will be strictly enforced and all applications after the deadline will be automatically disqualified.

## APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 27, 2021	Jablow Mediation Fellowship Application Posted
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	@ 4:30pm Fellowship Information Session:
<b>Monday, March 8, 2021</b>	<b>@ 4:00pm Fellowship Application Deadline</b>
Week of March 22, 2021 (tentative)	Interviews of Applicants
Week of April 5, 2021 (tentative)	Fellowship recipients notified

## GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Please be sure to read carefully each question and the directions. Failure to follow all directions exactly may result in disqualification of your Fellowship application.
2. Information and Questions: Professors Eisenberg and Guerin remain available to meet with students to answer questions or provide more information on the Fellowship. Students are encouraged to direct questions by email or set up an appointment.  
Professor Deborah Eisenberg- [deisenberg@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:deisenberg@law.umaryland.edu), 410-706-5995  
Toby Guerin- [tguerin@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:tguerin@law.umaryland.edu), 410-706-6228
3. Eligible Applicants:
  - a. Applicants must be a current Maryland Carey Law student in good standing.
  - b. Applicants must intend to continue their legal studies at Maryland Carey Law.
4. Review Process: A select panel of individuals will review the applications. Members of the panel may include staff and faculty of Maryland Carey Law, friends and relatives of the Jablow family, staff and volunteers of Community Mediation Maryland and/or its affiliate member centers. The panel will evaluate the applications based upon the following criteria:
  - a. Student's demonstrated past commitment to or genuine interest in conflict resolution and community engagement;
  - b. Student's expressed future interest in furthering the legacy of Ronna K. Jablow;
  - c. The potential positive impact that the Fellowship will have on the student's future work;
  - d. Overall quality and content of the application; and
  - e. The student's ability to fulfill the obligations of the Fellowship.
5. Fellow Obligations:
  - a. Accept the Fellowship offer in writing and provide all necessary paperwork by the date indicated in the formal offer.
  - b. Complete a beginner inclusive mediation training through CMM prior to the commencement of the Fellowship.
  - c. Complete a minimum of 400 hours of work over a pre-defined time period at Community Mediation Maryland or a designated community mediation center.
  - d. Provide a written testimonial at the conclusion of the Fellowship.
  - e. Agree to the use of your name and image on materials regarding the Jablow Fellowship.

With the exception of the agreed upon salary and specific prior approval for the costs of travel and parking associated with the Fellowship, Fellows are prohibited from receiving additional compensation for their work. Fellows cannot be employed in another capacity at University of Maryland, Baltimore during the term of the Fellowship.

6. Payment: The disbursement of payment will be determined, but is likely to be on a bi-weekly basis through the UMB payroll system.
7. Honor Code: Making a material misrepresentation on any portion of this application shall be considered a violation of the Student Honor Code of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.
8. Deadline: Applications are due via email to [cdrum@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:cdrum@law.umaryland.edu) by Monday, March 8, 2021 at 4:00pm. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in disqualification of the grant application.

## JABLOW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for the 2020 Summer Jablow Mediation Fellowship are due by **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 4:00pm**. Applications must be sent via email in a single pdf file to [cdrum@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:cdrum@law.umaryland.edu). Please **title the email "Your name- Jablow Mediation Fellowship"** and **label the attachment "last name, first name"**. All applicants must be current students of Maryland Carey Law and in good standing.

A completed application must include:

1. Completed and signed cover page.
2. Current resume
3. Law school transcript
4. Essay
5. Names and contact information for two references, at least one who can talk about your work ethic and one who can talk about your experience with or genuine interest in ADR, mediation, or community-engaged work.

JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION- COVER PAGE

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Expected date of graduation:	

Please describe any experience you have had with mediation and/or community conflict resolution.

I understand, by signing below, that if awarded the Fellowship, I will complete 400 hours of work for Community Mediation Maryland and/or one of its affiliate community mediation centers during the summer of 2021. Failure to fulfill the 400 hour requirement may impact the disbursement and amount of the stipend. Before the final disbursement of the funds, I will complete a testimonial describing my summer experience. I agree to allow Community Mediation Maryland and Maryland Carey Law the use of my name and image in informational materials related to the Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship.

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Signature

Date

## RONNA K. JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP- ESSAY

In fewer than 500 words, please describe how your past experiences and/or future interests relate to either Ronna K. Jablow's legacy of expanding opportunities for mediation in courts and communities, or to community mediation's mission of advancing collaborative conflict resolution to address community conflicts and social challenges.