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Research Fellowship

Harvard Law School’s Animal Law & Policy Program is inviting immediate applications for a full-time, six-month Fellowship to manage a research project studying policy responses to live animal markets, also called “wet markets”—sites around the world that have been known to facilitate the transmission of zoonotic diseases like avian flu, SARS, and COVID-19. NYU’s Center for Environmental and Animal Protection, University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law, and potentially other academic institutions will be collaborating with HLS on this project.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so applicants are encouraged to submit their materials as soon as possible. Work will commence as soon as a candidate is selected. The Fellow does not need to live in the Cambridge area as all work will be performed remotely.

The Research Fellow will report directly to Professor Kristen Stilt and have primary responsibility for drafting the project report while overseeing a team of student research assistants. Candidates with a JD, LLM, SJD, or other relevant degree are welcome to apply. Candidates should have strong research and writing skills, a background in animal law, and experience managing student researchers (such as TAs or student editors of a law journal).

The Fellow will be paid a stipend of $5,000/month and receive HLS employee benefits.

The goal of the project is to bring clarity to the public policy discourse surrounding live animal markets by providing a comprehensive assessment that will aid policy makers considering regulatory decisions, contribute to public education about these issues, and serve the human health and animal protection NGO communities. The study will provide a comparative, in-depth assessment of the policy challenges around live animal markets, both in the U.S. and internationally, identifying best practices and offering system-wide recommendations.

To apply for this Research Fellowship, please submit the following materials via the online application form:

• Resume
• Cover letter
• Three references
• Recent, individually authored writing sample.

For more information on the Animal Law & Policy Research Fellowship and application process, click here.