



IMMIGRATION INTERVENTION PROJECT FALL 2025 INTERNSHIP

Sanctuary for Families is dedicated to the safety, healing and self-determination of survivors of domestic and gender violence, including human trafficking. Through comprehensive services and through outreach, education, and advocacy, we strive to create a world in which freedom from gender violence is a basic human right.

Sanctuary for Families' Immigration Intervention Project (IIP) assists noncitizen survivors of gender violence with counsel and legal representation in immigration matters. Under the supervision of an attorney, IIP interns will work on a range of humanitarian immigration matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Immigration Court, which may include: asylum, VAWA, U-Visas for victims of crime, T visas for victims of human trafficking, Battered Spouse Waivers, Adjustment of Status, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Employment Authorization Documents, and Naturalization.

The internship will require around 15 hours each week and will end December 12, 2025. Client meetings may be a combination of in-person (at Sanctuary's downtown Manhattan office) and telephonic/video conference meetings.

Responsibilities

- Conduct intake interviews in order to screen potential clients to assess eligibility for immigration benefits;
- Conduct and participate in client interviews;
- Draft immigration applications for cases before USCIS;
- Research case law and country conditions;
- Draft legal memoranda and briefs;
- Oral and written translation, as appropriate;
- Attend and observe court hearings in immigration court and/or family court, as appropriate;
- Engage in advocacy and provide referrals to meet clients' diverse needs including those relating to safety, healthcare, public benefits, housing, education, and more.

Qualifications

This position is open to law students who will have completed at least one year of law school by August of 2025. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal, analytical and writing skills, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice. Coursework in immigration law or domestic violence issues, and experience working on immigration issues or with domestic violence survivors are preferred, but not required. A second community language (Spanish, Mandarin, French, Russian, Bengali, etc.) is strongly preferred.

Application

Please send an e-mail briefly describing your interest and qualifications and resume in pdf format to Pooja Asnani at pasnani@sffny.org and Emily Lo Bue at elobue@sffny.org. Please write "**Fall 2025 internship - IIP**" in the subject line of your email. Due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to respond to applicants not selected for an interview.

The application deadline for the Fall 2025 IIP Internship is September 5th.

Please note that this internship is unpaid. We are happy to work with law students who seek to obtain school credit or outside funding.