

USC Law

Structural Change in Public Education Externship

Contacts

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Credit Breakdown & Grading

	Credits	Grade type
Total	12	CR/D/F

Eligibility

A maximum of 2 students from USC can participate in CPRL per year. Only 2L and 3L students can participate, but students can apply during their 1L year.

Tuition and Fees

Students do not pay extra tuition to participate in the program, students continue to pay tuition to your home institution. USC Law students are required to pay Columbia the same facilities, student activities, and health services fees that Columbia students pay, which is approximately \$1,400 in total (fee amounts subject to change; see below for 2024-25 semesterly fee breakdown as an example). To account for this, non-Columbia universities and graduate programs with which CPRL partners typically waive their comparable fees for the semester in which their students are in residence at Columbia. If USC Law will not waive these fees and you are having trouble covering the cost, please contact us at opscprl@columbia.edu. USC Law students can apply for the CPRL Scholar Award and/or Housing Support via the [application](#) by the application deadline.

Fee	Fee Amount (\$)	Payer
Columbia Health & Related Services	\$694	Visiting Student
Columbia Student Activities	\$170	Visiting Student
Columbia University Services and Support	\$602	Visiting Student
Student Health Insurance*	\$2,478	Visiting Student, can be waived (cost varies per semester)
Total Fees:	\$3,944	

*All full-time domestic students and all international students, regardless of registered credits, are automatically enrolled in the Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan (the Columbia Plan). In order to request a waiver from mandatory enrollment in the Columbia Plan, students must have alternate coverage that meets the University requirements. Students must provide sufficient information regarding their alternate health insurance plan to allow independent verification that the alternate plan meets the University requirements.

Recent Alumni

Check out some of our recent alumni, don't hesitate to reach out directly or send us a note for an email introduction.

- Kevin Thompson, CPRL '23, kevin.thompson.2025@lawmail.usc.edu
- Ella Henry, CPRL '23, daniella.henry.2024@lawmail.usc.edu
- Minji Kim, CPRL '25, minji.kim.2026@lawmail.usc.edu