Breaking news: A new program, Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy, has just been added at VLS!

And the Hampshire-VLS scholarship eligibility includes current graduating students and recent alums (up to 10 years out).

Are you interested in:
- environmental law and policy?
- farm and agriculture law and policy?
- energy regulation and law?

Have you demonstrated a commitment to these issues through service?

Are you considering a master's degree or a law degree?

Apply for a full scholarship for a Master’s degree and/or a JD from Vermont Law School, which is consistently ranked as having the country's top environmental law program. Deadline to submit a complete set of application materials to Hampshire is Wed., Jan. 21, 2015, at 9 a.m.

Each year, Hampshire can recommend one student or recent alum (up to 10 years out) for one of the two scholarship opportunities:

- **3-year Full Scholarship** for Juris Doctor (JD) program or Joint JD/Masters. The Masters can be in VLS’s Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), Farm and Agriculture Law and Policy, or Energy Regulation and Law (MERL)

- **1-year Full Scholarship** for one of the following Master’s programs at VLS:
  - Masters of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP) program
  - Master’s of Farm and Agriculture Law and Policy (MFALP) program
  - Masters of Energy Regulation and Law (MERL) program.

For more information about these programs, please visit:
- Master’s: [http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/masters](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/masters)
- Juris Doctor: [http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/jd](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/jd)
For more information about the Hampshire-VLS Scholarship, including the award description, and eligibility, click here.

**Questions?** Contact Carin Rank at [crank@hampshire.edu](mailto:crank@hampshire.edu).

**Deadline:** Email your application materials to [corc@hampshire.edu](mailto:corc@hampshire.edu) by **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 9 a.m.**

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From an alum who went through the MELP program: “I remain connected to VLS and am currently on the VLS observer delegation, which is preparing to go to Lima Peru for the climate conferences in December! ...Vermont Law is an inspiring community full of hard-working and passionate learners, much like Hampshire. For a graduate-level education in the environmental sector, Vermont Law is simply unmatched.” -Catherine Craig 08F, VLS-MELP program, 2014

**Scholarship Descriptions and Requirements for the two possibilities:**

**A. Scholarship for 3-Year JD or Joint JD/ Masters.** Masters can be either: Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), Agriculture and Farm Law and Policy (MFALP), or Energy Regulation and Law (MERL):

- **Scholarship description:**
  - 3-year full-tuition scholarship to VLS, starting in 2015
  - Inclusion in the Dean’s Scholar program
  - Inclusion in the international program experience with waived administrative fees

- **Candidate Requirements:**
  - Current Hampshire Div III or recent grad (up to 10 years out)
  - Demonstrated commitment to environmental issues and service through campus and/or community activities
  - Excellent writing and critical thinking abilities
  - LSAT score of 160 or better
  - Commitment to attend VLS, starting in Summer or Fall 2015, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible

**B. Scholarship for 1-Year Masters: MELP, MFALP, or MERL Program:**

- **Scholarship description:**
  - One year (2015-2016) full-tuition scholarship for MELP, MFALP, or MERL-only degree program at Vermont Law School
  - Inclusion in the Dean’s Scholar program

- **Candidate Requirements:**
  - Current Hampshire Div III or recent grad (up to 10 years out)
  - Demonstrated commitment to environmental issues and service through campus and/or community activities
  - Excellent writing and critical thinking abilities
  - Commitment to attend VLS for the one-year program, starting in Summer or Fall 2015, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible.
VLS-Hampshire Scholarship Application

You will see that our application closely follows the VLS application. We have asked you to address one additional question, which will be read by the Hampshire-VLS Scholarship only. All other written documents are the same as what is needed by VLS. For more complete information and guidance about the VLS application, go to:

http://www.vermontlaw.edu/admissions/apply-now/jd-programs

http://www.vermontlaw.edu/admissions/apply-now/masters-programs

To be considered, submit all of the following documents to the Hampshire-VLS Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at 9 a.m.:

☐ Completed VLS application form (not yet submitted to VLS) for all Master’s and JD/VLS Master’s candidates:

☐ Completed LSAC Law School Application Form (only for those applying for the JD, or Joint JD/MELP, JD/MFALP, or JD/MERL):
  • You can print this or download it from LSAC at any time, whether or not it is submitted to LSAC. See the info below on the VLS application for info about your decision to submit.

☐ Essays: 2 Required, 2 Optional

Please respond to each of the essay topics separately. Applicants are encouraged to be as forthright and open as possible, and should feel free to discuss unusual circumstances or situations of adversity that may have influenced their current values. Be aware that both the quality of your writing and the thoughtfulness of your answers will be evaluated.

1. Describe the goals that are motivating you to pursue a law, master’s, or dual degree. How do you think the skills and experience you will gain at Vermont Law School will help you achieve those goals?

2. How have you tried to effect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?

3. Optional VLS Question: Give a realistic appraisal of your academic work since graduation from high school. Please note any inconsistencies in your record and the reasons for them.

4. Hampshire-only Question: Briefly, why does it make sense to attend this program in 2015, in terms of your career and/or life plans? Only the Hampshire-VLS committee will read your response. If you believe you already answered this fully in your response to Question 1, you can skip this question. Please make sure we understand how this program fits into your goals and life plans at this time.

☐ Test Scores: LSAT score if applying for JD or Joint JD/MELP, JD/MFALP, or JD/MERL; for Master’s Programs (MELP, MFALP, or MERL), a GRE or LSAT test score is optional.

☐ Professional Resume or Curriculum Vita
☐ Two letters of recommendation: Ask that these to be sent to crank@hampshire.edu.

☐ Official transcript from all institutions you’ve attended: Please allow up to 2 week to insure this will be received by the deadline.

Questions? Contact Carin Rank at crank@hampshire.edu.

Deadline: Email your application materials to corc@hampshire.edu by Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 9 a.m.!

Vermont Law School Application

If you are applying to VLS only, we strongly encourage you to wait to submit your application to VLS until after you hear if you are being recommended for the VLS Scholarship. The Committee wants to support you in putting your best application forward and will have valuable feedback for you to consider before submitting. We expect to make decisions within 5 days.

However, if you are applying to other JD programs and need to have your LSAC application submitted earlier, CORC career counselors are happy to give feedback to all candidates on essays or other parts of your application so you can submit to other schools ahead of the Hampshire VLS Scholarship deadline.

The deadline for the Hampshire nominee to submit their application to the program of their choice at VLS is February 1, 2015.