



HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE / VERMONT LAW SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY SCHOLARSHIP 2017

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 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 **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. *Scores from the December 2016 LSAT will be considered if received as soon as they are available via email, or by early January 2017 at the latest.*

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/Master's. The Master's 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:
 - Master's of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP) program
 - Master's of Farm and Agriculture Law and Policy (MFALP) program
 - Master's Energy Regulation and Law (MERL) program

For more information about these programs, please visit:

Master's: <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/masters>

Juris Doctor: <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/academics/degrees/jd>

For more information about the Hampshire-VLS Scholarship, including award descriptions and eligibility, click [here](#). **Questions?** Contact Carin Rank at crank@hampshire.edu.

Deadline: Email application materials to corc@hampshire.edu by **Thursday, December 15, 2016!**

Hampshire Alumni Experience at VLS:

“I remain connection to VLS and ...[after graduation was part of] the VLS observer delegation, [that traveled] 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/Master’s. Master’s can be: 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 2017
 - 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 2017, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible

B. Scholarship for 1-Years Master’s: MELP, MFALP, or MERL Program:

- ***Scholarship Description:***
 - One year (2017-2018) 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 2017, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible

VLS-Hampshire Scholarship Application

Generally, our application is the VLS application. Refer to the appropriate website via the links below, and complete all of the materials as specified. Also, follow the Hampshire Specific Notes as there are a few notable differences.

JD Programs: <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/admissions/apply-now/jd-programs>

Master's 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 **Thursday, December 15, 2016**:

Hampshire Specific Notes

- Please copy all of your completed application components (with the exception of the letters of recommendation) into one PDF. Include the application form.
- For those applying to the JD, or Joint JD/MMELP, JD/MFALP, or JD/MERL:
 - For the LSAC statement, respond to the VLS required essay. Additionally, submit the 'optional' VLS essay: "How have you tried to affect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?"
 - Download your completed LSAC Law School Application, whether or not it is submitted to LSAC.

NOTE: If you are applying only to the VLS program, 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 by mid-January.

However, if you are applying to other JD programs and need to submit your LSAC application 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 schools ahead of the Hampshire VLS Scholarship deadline.

- An **LSAT score** is needed if applying for JD or Joint JD/Master's.
- For Master's Programs (MELP, MFALP, or MERL), a GRE or LSAT test score is optional. *Scores from the December 2016 LSAT will be considered if received by early January 2017 or as soon as they are available via email.*
- Ask that your **letters of recommendation** be sent to crank@hampshire.edu
- Allow ample time (up to 2 weeks for Hampshire) to ensure your **transcripts** will be received by the deadline.

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