Northwestern Pritzker School of Law invites applications for a two-year clinical fellowship in Immigration Law, beginning January 8, 2018, in the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Children and Family Justice Center. The fellowship will provide an opportunity for a recent law school graduate to gain experience in both clinical law teaching and immigration law.

Founded in 1992, the Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC) is a comprehensive children’s law office and part of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. CFJC attorneys and law students work together to promote justice for children, adolescents, and their families through direct legal representation, policy advocacy, and law reform. The CFJC’s Immigration Law Project represents youth and indigent parents in deportation proceedings before the Chicago immigration court. Immigration Law Project clients include unaccompanied immigrant children, immigrant youth involved in multiple legal systems, and parents at risk of separation from their U.S. citizen or immigrant children.

The Immigration Law Fellow will represent youth and parents in immigration court proceedings as well as assist in the supervision and teaching of clinical students. The fellow will also design and participate in community outreach activities and use a broad range of strategies, including public advocacy and policy-related research, to advance the interests of immigrant youth and parents.

The fellowship is open to applicants with two to four years of immigration-related experience. Admission to a state bar is required and admission to the Illinois bar is preferred. Additional experience in family law or criminal law and fluency in Spanish are also preferred.

The deadline for applications is November 15, 2017. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest describing the applicant’s reasons for applying for the fellowship, a resume, two letters of recommendation, and the names of three professional references. Applications and inquiries should be directed to Uzoamaka Emeka Nzelibe at u-nzelibe@law.northwestern.edu.

The Bluhm Legal Clinic currently includes clinical faculty teaching in its Center for International Human Rights, the Donald Pritzker Entrepreneurship Law Center, the MacArthur Justice Center, the Environmental Advocacy Center, the Children and Family Justice Center, the Center on Wrongful Convictions, and other clinical programs that include appellate advocacy, criminal defense, civil litigation, externships, negotiations and trial advocacy.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes, including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

As per Northwestern University policy, this position requires a criminal background check. Successful applicants will need to submit to a criminal background check prior to employment.