The Animal Law Academic Fellowship is a two-year full-time residential program designed to identify, cultivate, and promote promising animal law scholars early in their careers. We are specifically looking for recent graduates, junior academics, and mid-career practitioners who are committed to pursuing publishable research that will make a significant contribution in the area of animal law. The Fellowship is part of the Animal Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School, which is a new program made possible by a gift from Bradley Goldberg.

Fellows will devote their time to scholarly activities in furtherance of their research agendas and to contributing to the work of the Animal Advocacy Program, which is directed by HLS Professor Kristen Stilt. Fellows do not have any teaching responsibilities, but are permitted to seek out an opportunity to teach one course during the second year of the Fellowship. Fellows are expected to help plan and execute events in their field of expertise at the Animal Advocacy Program and present their work in at least one academic setting. Fellows also are expected to mentor students, assist with the placement and supervision of students in experiential learning opportunities, and contribute to the Animal Advocacy Program’s media presence.

Stipend and Benefits:
Fellows have access to a wide range of resources offered by Harvard University. Fellows also will be provided an office at HLS, a monthly stipend in an amount consistent with other Fellowship programs at HLS, and health insurance.

Eligibility:
By the start of the Fellowship term on July 1, 2015, applicants must have an advanced degree in law (J.D., LL.M., or S.J.D.). We particularly encourage applications from those who intend to pursue careers as tenure-track law professors, but will consider any applicant who meets the eligibility requirements and demonstrates the interest and ability to produce outstanding scholarship and to contribute significantly to the Animal Advocacy Program during the Fellowship period. Applicants will be evaluated by the quality and significance of their research proposals and by their record of academic and professional achievement.
Application process:
Completed applications must be received by January 19, 2015. The successful applicant will be notified by February 16, 2015 and will have a short period of time in which to accept the Fellowship offer. Application materials must be submitted electronically and should include:

1. CV
2. PDF versions of transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended.
3. A research proposal of no more than 2,000 words describing the applicant’s research and writing plans during the course of the Fellowship. Proposals should focus less on describing an interesting topic and focus more on demonstrating that the applicant has a promising original approach towards the topic.
4. A writing sample that demonstrates the applicant’s writing and analytical abilities. The sample may be a draft; it does not need to be published.
5. Three letters of recommendation that must come directly from the recommenders. In addition to more general comments, recommenders should also evaluate the applicant’s ability to generate independent ideas and potential as a scholar.

All application materials, whether from the applicant or recommenders, should be sent directly to Marina Apostol (mapostol@law.harvard.edu).