Center for Water Security and Cooperation/The Water Collaborative: Mississippi River Watershed Legal Fellowship Announced

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The Center for Water Security and Cooperation and The Water Collaborative (collectively, "TWC") announced the Mississippi River Watershed Fellowship ("Fellowship").

The Fellowship is described as seeking:

… second-year law students to take on big questions and explore bold ideas at the heart of water law and policy.

The associated tasks with the Fellowship are described as helping re-imagine how water and the communities whose lives and livelihoods rely on it can be collectively protected and managed in the Mississippi River watershed.

TWC identifies the following as Fellowship highlights:

- Working on issues that matter to communities.
- Exposure to real-world legal and policy issues affecting water protection and management, public health, and equitable and transparent governance across a multistate watershed.
- Opportunities to work on cutting-edge issues that will define the future of the watershed and its communities.
- Mentorship and collaboration with legal and community experts.
- Opportunities to work closely with lawyers, impacted community members and groups, policy professionals, subject-matter experts, and others.
- Insight into career paths in water and environmental law.
- Skill development.
- Development of research, writing, networking, and communication skills for different audiences.
- Exposure to different perspectives and approaches.

Fellowship details are listed as follows:

- Duration: 10 weeks
- Dates: Monday June 1 - Friday August 7, 2026
- Location: Remote
- Compensation: $10,000 stipend
- Travel Stipend: Limited funding available for relevant travel

Eligibility requirements are stated to include:

- Enrolled in a law school within the Mississippi River corridor states.
- Completed at least 2 years or 52 credits of coursework preferred.
- Interested in practicing law in the Mississippi River watershed post-graduation.
- Passionate about a career in water law.

Responsibilities and application materials are detailed in the attachment found here.