



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
2026 FALL HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE LEGAL INTERNSHIP

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) Health Care Fraud and Abuse Legal Internship program offers unpaid opportunities for students in their second or third year of law school. The internship is in person (not remote) at the OIG headquarters office located in Washington, DC.

OCIG provides general legal services to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), including rendering advice and opinions and providing legal support for OIG's internal operations. OCIG represents OIG in civil and administrative fraud and abuse cases involving HHS programs, including under the False Claims Act, program exclusion authority, and civil monetary penalty law. In connection with these cases, OCIG also negotiates and monitors corporate integrity agreements. Additionally, OCIG renders advisory opinions, issues compliance program guidance, publishes fraud alerts, and provides other guidance to the health care industry concerning the anti-kickback statute and other OIG enforcement authorities.

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Program requirements:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be in their second or third year of law school (or equivalent for evening/part-time programs) or in an LLM program.
- Applicants must qualify for course credit, work as part of a law school's externship program, or participate in a school-sponsored public interest program. Applicants will need to coordinate with their school to meet this requirement.
- Applicants must commit to at least 16 hours per week for a minimum of 10 weeks and up to 12 weeks.
- A demonstrated interest in health care law and public service is a plus.
- The applicant must submit to and pass a background investigation.

Duties: Interns perform substantive legal work related to health law and health care fraud and abuse including legal research, writing, analysis, and oral advocacy. Interns investigate cases with OCIG attorneys, perform legal research, review reports, and draft legal documents.

Application Deadline and Process:

Applications will be accepted through May 1, 2026.

Submit a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and five-page legal writing sample.

Please submit all materials as a single pdf file.

A committee of attorneys will review the applications and select candidates for telephone interviews. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submit Applications by Email:	OCIG.LawClerks@oig.hhs.gov
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OIG Employment Policies:

For male applicants born after December 31, 1959, the applicant must have registered with Selective Service.

OIG is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any non-merit factor. OIG welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. OIG is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit.

This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency at OCIG.LawClerks@oig.hhs.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.