

# Back to School: Tapping into Law School, Graduate & Professional Programs

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## Sample of Schools with Nonprofit Client Programs

### NYU Wagner School Graduate School of Public Service Capstone Program

*“CAPSTONE brings together teams of graduate students to address complex challenges and identify new opportunities for nonprofit, governmental, health-related, urban planning, and international agencies. Project teams approach their assignments with initiative and professionalism, and they organize and frame their projects into a thorough work plan that results in a carefully considered final product. Every team produces a written report and conducts a final presentation of their findings and recommendations.”*

For information about applying see:

<http://wagner.nyu.edu/capstone/clients.php>

Deadline: May 28, 2010

### University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business Center for Social Value Creation

*“The [Grassroots.org Social Venture Consulting Program](http://www.grassroots.org) pairs talented MBA students with Grassroots.org Member Organizations in semester-long project-based consulting partnerships. The program is designed to help entrepreneurial nonprofit startup organizations to increase their organizational capacity by providing them with direct access to free business consulting.*

#### **Examples of past Social Venture Consulting Projects include:**

- *development of a strategic plan for an after school program*
- *creation a strategic marketing plan & refinement of financial statements for a clothing resale shop*
- *design of a financial management/donor tracking program for a human rights agency”*

For information about applying see:

<http://www.grassroots.org/services/sv-consulting>

Deadline: Applications are due in December (for spring), and July (for fall)

### Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy University of California, Berkeley Intro to Policy Analysis Client-Based Projects

### **“OVERVIEW FOR POTENTIAL CLIENTS**

*Each spring, all first-year Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) graduate students complete free policy analysis services for use by real-world "clients," who are typically individuals in the public sector or non-governmental organizations that are confronting a policy problem or opportunity. Might you, or someone else in your organization, like this sort of pro bono assistance from a team of students as part of their required workshop class called Introduction to Policy Analysis (IPA)?*

### **IDEAL PROJECTS**

*To meet our education criteria, ideal projects require students to confront some sort of difficult tradeoff inherent in a choice between two or more alternative courses of action. This sort of task imposes intellectual discipline and motivates creativity in trying to find more agreeable alternatives. Ideal projects also often involve pressure to resolve some uncertainty about the projected effects of a policy choice in which the alternative outcomes are very different and very consequential. Although not every project lives up to the ideal, we generally find that projects that are relatively narrow, though complex, are much better than those that are broad but simple.”*

For information about applying see:

[http://gspp.berkeley.edu/career\\_resources/emp\\_projects\\_ipa.html](http://gspp.berkeley.edu/career_resources/emp_projects_ipa.html)

Deadline: Clients submit project ideas for faculty review between Sept-Dec

### **Northeastern University School of Law**

#### **Legal Skills in Social Context Social Justice Program**

*“As part of the School of Law’s commitment to experiential learning and community partnerships, students in the LSSC Program employ their analytical research and writing skills to address social justice challenges identified by a wide range of community organizations and agencies. The program benefits organizations by pursuing aspects of your social justice agenda that you might otherwise forgo due to staffing or resource constraints. The program provides your organization with a free and closely supervised think tank—the energy and acumen of two upper-level law student lawyering fellows and 14 first-year law students, all under close faculty supervision. Above all, you will contribute to the legal education of future lawyers by participating in this team-lawyering effort and by introducing the students to the spirit of community lawyering.”*

For information about applying see:

<http://www.northeastern.edu/law/academics/curriculum/lssc/partners.html>

**Deadline:** June 30, 2010 (though applications are accepted on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged)

*Karen is available to brainstorm with any attendees about which of the above might be a match for their program*