The Advisory Board of the Center in Law, Society & Culture seeks applications from qualified graduate students for the 2014-15 Peterson/Microsemi fellowship program. The Peterson fellowship program has been supported through annual gifts from Jim Peterson, CEO, on behalf of Microsemi Corporation for the past 5 years. Subject to funding availability, we will appoint three Peterson Fellows in the 2014-15 academic year.

Selected fellows will participate in a year-long set of activities designed to further their interdisciplinary research training, through intellectual collaboration and exchange, and through the production of an original project. Fellows will be required to participate in workshops each quarter that will be designed to advance the fellows’ projects, and to attend and participate in Center events and activities that occur throughout the year. The fellows will be provided funds to invite an outside scholar of their choosing to workshop their projects in spring quarter. The invited scholar will also give a Center-sponsored public talk.

Fellows are also required to produce a tangible project during the fellowship year. Acceptable proposed projects include writing original empirically and/or theoretically-based manuscripts to be submitted to appropriate outlets such as journal articles or other scholarly publications; developing accessible resources on a socio-legal topic aimed at different community/layperson audiences (such as websites or resource guides on socio-legal issues); or conducting major community service or advocacy projects that include a component that can be disseminated to a broader audience. The proposed projects must be original and be completed during the fellowship year. This funding opportunity is NOT meant to solely support dissertation writing.

Three fellows will be selected from the applicants; at least one will be from the School of Social Ecology, one from the Law School, and one from the entire pool. The fellows are expected to work together as a cohort, learning from each other as well as through the organized activities and workshops. Funding levels for the 2014-15 fellowships have yet to be determined, but we expect to be able to offer, at minimum, a $3500 stipend, which fellows can use for living expenses, and/or research- and conference-related expenses. Selected fellows MUST be able to commit to participating in the entire year’s activities in order to be awarded a fellowship. Fellows will be asked to provide an assessment to the board and funders at the end of the year, as well as a draft of the project outcome (article manuscript, etc.).

Eligibility:
Center in Law, Society & Culture graduate student affiliates (or potential affiliates) who have ongoing research interests in law, society and culture are eligible to apply. We are especially interested in supporting students who will be in the 2nd or 3rd year of their academic programs in 2014-15, and who are engaged in a project that will feasibly result in a publishable manuscript, or other product that can be widely disseminated, by the end of the academic year. Students who will not be in residence on campus for one or more terms during the academic year are not eligible for this fellowship.

Applicants will be evaluated based upon academic record, centrality of research interests to the Center’s mission, faculty recommendations, and proposed project. We will also aim to create a cohort of fellows whose projects have intellectual or substantive connections to each other to facilitate intellectual engagement.

Application Procedure:
Applicants should submit: 1) an unofficial UCI transcript of their academic record in the current graduate program; 2) names and contact information of 2 UCI faculty referees; 3) a current CV; 4) a completed application form (attached here); and 5) a project description of no more than 3 pages that specifically describes the proposed project, work plan, and expected final tangible product.

The deadline to apply for this fellowship opportunity is July 25, 2014. Please send your application materials to Nix McCoy (nmccoy@law.uci.edu). A sub-committee of the CLSC Advisory Board will review the proposals in the summer and will notify applicants about final decisions by no later than August 25.
APPLICATION FORM

UCI Graduate/Law Student Applicant Name:

Graduate Program:

Year in Program during 2014-15 academic year:

E-mail: Phone:

Referee 1 name & contact information

Referee 2 name & contact information

IN NO MORE THAN 3 PAGES, PLEASE PROVIDE A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY. THIS NARRATIVE SHOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND/OR PROBLEMS, EXPECTED FINAL OUTCOME, PROPOSED TIMELINE OF WORK COMPLETION, & ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAKES CLEAR WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING THE FELLOWSHIP PERIOD AND HOW IT WILL BE REALIZED AS A TANGIBLE PRODUCT THAT CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO A BROADER AUDIENCE

Project Description: