

Yale Environmental Protection Clinic Project Proposal Form **for Spring Term 2015**

Please fill out this form and return it to Leslie Couvillion (leslie.couvillion@yale.edu) and Melissa Legge (melissa.legge@yale.edu) by **Friday, December 19, 2014**. Proposals are generally **1-2 pages** in length. **Please save the document in the following format:**

[Organization Name]_[Project Title (abbreviated if necessary)]_Yale EPC Project Proposal_Spring 2015

PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: [Catchy and concise – yet informative – titles generally capture the most student attention.]

Organization Name:

Supervisor Name(s) and Contact Information:

[Provide the name, title, email address, and phone number for the person(s) who will supervise the project.]

Brief Description of Organization:

[This should be brief: no more than a paragraph. Also provide a link to your organization's website, if you have one.]

Project Description:

[Describe the specific tasks with which you seek the clinic's assistance. Describe the end goals and objectives of the project, as well as why the project is important from an environmental/clean energy perspective and how it fits into your organizations' larger goals. This section should articulate the specific legal/policy/science questions that students will research. Please be as specific and concrete as possible.

Also describe any relevant background for the project, including its origins and/or the impetus for the project. Briefly describe any work already completed by the organization to advance the project.]

Expected Work-Product and Deliverables:

[Describe the type of work product (e.g., white paper, communications plan, public comments, literature review, legal memo, legal brief, policy paper, database, etc.) that you expect students to produce. Please estimate the desired scope and length of the deliverables. The clinic's students work in teams, with 2-3 students working on each project 10-12hrs/week for the term (which is

about 12 weeks), so the work product should be of a scope that can both absorb the energy and skills of a team of this size and can be feasibly completed in this amount of time.

Keep in mind that the clinic is an interdisciplinary course with students from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies as well as the Yale Law School, other graduate schools, and occasionally Yale College. Projects that require interdisciplinary skill sets, rather than strict reliance on a single skill, will attract broader student interest.

Also, please note that **if a project focuses on data analysis, the project sponsor must have the data readily available**. If the project contains data assembly, the project sponsor must be certain that the students have access to the data from the start of the fall semester.]

Timetable and Deadlines:

[If applicable, please propose a timetable for when any specific tasks should be completed. Make sure to include any known deadlines, as well as at least a tentative sense of when specific the above-mentioned deliverables should be completed. This timeline may be tentative and provide a range of dates. **Introductory projects calls will likely take place on Tuesday, January 27th at some point between 12:00 and 2:00 pm, so please hold that time.** All final work-product should be completed by the end of April.]

Useful Skills and Experience:

[Describe any special skill sets or experience that you think would be an asset for the project team (e.g., expertise or prior experience in a particular area, fluency in another language, specialized IT skills etc.) Both Yale Law School students and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies students enroll in the clinic, as well as occasional students from other Yale graduate schools, and students will thus come from a variety of backgrounds.]

Skills/Experience Gained:

[Describe what kinds of skills or experience students can expect to take away from the project. Please highlight why you feel this project is an interesting and valuable learning opportunity for students. This is a great place to highlight any potential travel opportunities (Yale provides a stipend fund to cover reasonable, project-related travel expenses) or unique professional development opportunities (e.g, presentation skills).]