



National Agricultural Law Center Research Fellowships

The National Agricultural Law Center (NALC), a unit of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, is seeking to fill several Research Fellowship positions. Positions are currently available for summer and fall of 2026. The positions will focus on conducting legal research and writing projects that meaningfully assist the NALC and its partners in serving state, regional, and national stakeholders in furtherance of its mission as the nation's leading source of objective agricultural and food law research and information. Specific areas of research include but are not limited to:

- Food safety and food labeling;
- Agricultural finance and credit;
- Environmental regulation of agriculture;
- Agricultural trade;
- Ownership of agricultural land, including transition/estate planning;
- Other relevant issues such as agricultural data and technology, land use, farm programs, local and regional food systems and agricultural labor.

Successful applicants will be law students who have completed at least their first year of law school and have demonstrated skills and experience in legal research and writing. Previous experience or background in agriculture is preferred, but not required. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred, but not required. Applicants must be motivated and capable of reliably implementing work projects in a distance working arrangement. This position will require a commitment of at least ten hours a week, with flexibility given for exams and other academic or holiday events.

Interested individuals should submit a current resume, three references (contact information for two professional references plus a letter of reference from a third that speaks to the applicant's research and writing skills), an unofficial law school transcript and a writing sample (10 pages or less) to Senior Staff Attorney Elizabeth Rumley at erumley@uark.edu. Applications are due no later than March 20, 2026.

All candidates will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status. Persons requiring special assistance to participate in the application process should notify the contact person. The University of Arkansas System Division is an AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/DISABLED/VETERANS/E-VERIFY EMPLOYER.