

# The Killian Doherty Environmental Justice Fellowship

The U.S. office of the [Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide \(ELAW\)](#) invites bilingual (English and Spanish or Portuguese) public interest lawyers defending indigenous peoples' rights, human rights, or environmental rights to apply for the inaugural [Killian Doherty Environmental Justice Fellowship](#).

ELAW is a global alliance of lawyers, scientists and other advocates collaborating across borders to promote grassroots efforts to build a sustainable, just future. ELAW's global partners are addressing high impact, complex issues including challenging fossil fuel projects; reducing plastic production, use and waste; protecting the climate; defending land rights; securing clean water; conserving biodiversity and ecosystems; and protecting environmental defenders.

The Killian Doherty Environmental Justice Fellowship honors our colleague and friend, [Killian Doherty](#), who exemplified true commitment to environmental justice in his personal and professional life. Together with Killian's family, ELAW designed this Fellowship to carry his legacy forward.

The Fellowship is open to applicants for the following purposes:

- The Fellow may use the opportunity to advance his/her/their own work in an area of law related to defending environmental rights or land rights of indigenous peoples or traditional communities. ELAW staff will share resources we have gathered to support that work and meet regularly with the Fellow.
- Building on work that Killian started, the Fellow may help ELAW gather and analyze legal precedents that support new efforts to defend rights of indigenous peoples to their land and to live in a healthy environment.
- Early career attorneys may apply for the Fellowship to gain experience by working with ELAW Staff Attorneys as we collaborate with environmental and human rights lawyers around the world.

ELAW will provide the Killian Doherty Environmental Justice Fellow with a US\$6,000 stipend to complete the Fellowship over the course of 10 weeks between December 2021 and April 2022. ELAW is open to adjusting the Fellowship to accommodate other commitments.

Please submit a resume and a cover letter that describes your interest in this Fellowship and a brief description of the project you hope to accomplish. Lawyers who have not yet identified a specific area of focus are also welcome to apply. In this case, please describe how the Fellowship would help you build your career as a public-interest advocate. The deadline for applications is December 3, 2021, or until a Fellow is selected.

Please indicate in your cover letter whether you prefer to work from the ELAW office in Eugene, Oregon, or from a different location.

Applications should be submitted at: <https://elaw.org/killian-doherty-environmental-justice-fellowship>