



# **RURAL PUBLIC DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP**

## **WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**

The Rural Public Defense Fellowship (RPDF) is a 10-week summer program for those eligible to practice as Rule 9 interns and interested in gaining experience in public defense. The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) will provide training, support and resources to the entire fellow cohort, who will be placed in local public defense offices in rural and underserved counties across Washington. Fellows will receive mentorship, intensive skill training and financial support through the RPDF. Fellows can expect to gain hands-on public defense experience and plenty of exposure to the courtroom. They should expect to work with clients who face significant challenges and all levels of charges for a rewarding and hands-on experience. This fellowship is designed for those interested in exploring a career in public defense and serving those who need it most in communities severely in need of services.



Washington State  
**Office of  
Public  
Defense**

**10-week summer  
program**

**Compensation of  
\$28.00/Hour and a  
\$900 Monthly Housing  
Stipend**

**Extensive Weekly  
Public Defense  
Training Program**

**Applications will be  
reviewed as received. For  
forms and instructions  
visit:**

**[www.opd.wa.gov/rpdf](http://www.opd.wa.gov/rpdf)**



**WASHINGTON STATE  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC  
DEFENSE**

**Questions? Concerns?**

**Email:  
[Jonathan.Patnode@opd.wa.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Patnode@opd.wa.gov)**

**[www.opd.wa.gov](http://www.opd.wa.gov)**