



**Application for Admission: Northern California Innocence Project Clinic 2023-2024**

The Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) clinical program provides a unique educational opportunity for SCU law students to investigate and litigate possible wrongful convictions. NCIP also works to promote legal reforms aimed at remedying the systemic problems within our criminal justice system that lead to wrongful convictions.

Supervised by experienced legal staff, NCIP law students evaluate innocence claims by reviewing case histories, appellate briefs, transcripts, and other records. They participate directly in the investigation process by interviewing prisoners, witnesses, crime lab personnel, law enforcement, defense attorneys, and prosecutors. As part of their case work, NCIP students draft legal documents including motions, declarations, briefs, legal memoranda, and letters to attorneys, clients, and case rounds memos. Students also attend and participate in court proceedings.

If admitted into the program, all NCIP students **are required to attend** an intensive daylong training session known as “NCIP Boot Camp” near the beginning of the fall semester. NCIP clinic students will be expected to be in the NCIP office to attend class and work on cases at least ten hours per week on a schedule to be agreed upon in advance with the supervising attorneys.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time or Part Time (circle one)

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply to the NCIP clinic last academic year? Yes or No (circle one)

Please answer the following questions on a separate document.

1. Why do you want to take the NCIP clinic? In your answer, please include what you hope to gain from your experience in the clinic and what you will bring to the clinic (in addition to passion).
2. Describe yourself.
3. Who inspires you and why?

In addition to this application form and your answers to the above questions, please also attach a copy of your most recent resume. Send your completed application form, answers, and resume to [ncip@scu.edu](mailto:ncip@scu.edu). Make sure to include your name and “NCIP Clinic Application” in the subject line. Applications are due on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 by 5:00pm.

