



Application for Admission: Northern California Innocence Project Clinic 2026-2027

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 legal system that lead to wrongful convictions. Supervised by experienced legal staff, students will have the opportunity to learn and practice legal skills while helping on cases of people who are claiming innocence and/or have new evidence to prove their innocence and are seeking exoneration.

If admitted into the program, clinic students must complete 150 hours per semester. These hours will comprise of class time, doing homework for class, and working on cases. You must also commit to both the fall and spring semesters.

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)

By fall semester 2026, will you have taken Evidence? Yes or No (circle one)

If no, do you plan to take it in the Fall of 2026? Yes or No (circle on)

While Evidence is not formally required to take NCIP, please note that there will be evidentiary components of our class and casework that will require those who have not previously taken evidence and/or are not taking it concurrently with NCIP to become familiar with the California Evidence Code.

Please answer the following questions on a separate document.

1. Why do you want to take the Northern California Innocence Project 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 and the qualities or experience that will help you contribute to the clinic and the work we do on behalf of clients and the system at large.
3. Tell us about someone (outside of your close family and friends) who inspires you and why.
4. What are your anticipated academic and professional commitments in the next academic year (e.g. externships, other clinics, journals, moot court, etc...)?

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. Make sure to include your name and "NCIP Clinic Application" in the subject line. Applications are due on Friday, April 10, 2026 by 5:00pm.