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## FCC TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2021 HONORS PROGRAM

Application Window Runs from July 13 to September 14, 2020

WASHINGTON, July 8, 2020 – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it will begin accepting applications from graduating law students and current judicial clerks for its Fall 2021 Attorney Honors Program. The application window opens on Monday, July 13, 2020, and closes on Monday, September 14, 2020.

The Attorney Honors Program is the FCC's primary vehicle for hiring entry-level attorneys. Attorneys at the FCC work on cutting-edge legal and policy issues in the communications and technology arenas. They promote the deployment of high-speed Internet communications; pave the way for a 5G future and advance rural broadband; protect the rights of consumers; promote access to communications services for all Americans, including Americans with disabilities; review major mergers and acquisitions; and promote public safety.

Attorney Honors Program participants serve in a two-year employment and training program designed to introduce them to the field of communications law and policy and to provide a wide variety of learning experiences. The FCC encourages law students in their final year of study and judicial clerks with superior academic credentials and an interest in public service and communications law to apply for the Fall 2021 class. Applications must be *received* by 11:59 p.m. EST on September 14, 2020. The deadline for other main U.S. time zones is: 10:59 p.m. Central Time, 9:59 p.m. Mountain Time, and 8:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Selection for the Honors Program is highly competitive. Before making a selection, the FCC reviews many facets of a candidate's background, including academic achievement, writing skills, law review and/or moot court experience, clinic or extracurricular activities, and demonstrated interest in government service and/or the communications industry. Graduating students and judicial clerks with strong qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume, official or unofficial law school transcript, writing sample (of not more than 15 pages), and a list of three professional references via email to <u>Honors.Program@fcc.gov</u>, with "2021 AHP Application" in the subject line.

For further information, please visit the Honors Program webpage at <u>www.fcc.gov/attorneyhonorsprogram</u>. You may also contact Shannon Hyatt, Office of General Counsel, at (202) 418-1887.

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