The Project on Predatory Student Lending seeks an outstanding new lawyer to join our team for a year as a Racial Justice Legal Fellow.

The Project
Established in 2012 as part of the Legal Services Center’s Consumer Protection Clinic, the Project on Predatory Student Lending uses litigation and advocacy to make it legally and financially impossible for the predatory for-profit college industry to cheat students, and to relieve borrowers from fraudulent student loan debt. The for-profit college industry exploits the promise of higher education, and perpetrates a massive fraud on students who are trying to build a better life. It transfers billions of dollars of taxpayer funds intended to support higher education to corporate profits, leaving students and families poorer than they started. Rather than providing opportunity, the industry reinforces existing societal inequalities by specifically targeting people of color, women, immigrants, veterans, the unemployed, and first-generation college goers. The Project provides direct legal services to former students of for-profit colleges across the country, and has an active docket of high-impact cases. To learn more about the Project’s work, including our significant recent cases, please visit www.projectonpredatorystudentlending.org.

The Job
The Racial Justice Legal Fellow will develop cutting-edge litigation to combat the discriminatory efforts of current higher education policies. The fellow will also lead outreach efforts by engaging with existing clients and community partners and forging new partnerships with communities impacted by the predatory for-profit industry. The ideal candidate will have:

- A passion for the Project’s mission;
- Exceptional listening skills and a strong ability to convey information orally and in writing;
- A commitment to using litigation and advocacy to combat systemic inequality;
- A client and community centered orientation to public interest lawyering; and
- The ability to work well independently and as part of a team.

Candidates must have a J.D. and be admitted to the Massachusetts bar or have the ability to receive temporary admission pursuant to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. At least one year of experience is preferred. Background in the fields of civil rights, consumer protection, administrative law, and/or organizing are relevant to this position, but not required. Some travel may be required. This is a one-year appointment, from summer 2018 to summer 2019.

We are committed to building and maintaining a diverse staff and an inclusive environment, and seek to increase the diversity of people engaged in consumer law, economic justice, and consumer advocacy. Salary is commensurate with experience. Harvard offers generous benefits.

To Apply
All applications must be submitted via Harvard’s online application portal, ASPIRE. Please visit this link or search for posting 45689BR on ASPIRE.