The Step Forward On-Ramp Program at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law helps participating candidates find meaningful work after time away from the workforce. Candidates must have practiced law for at least two years after graduation. If you are no longer licensed to practice law, please let us know in your application. It is not a bar to participating in the Program, but it does require some extra steps that need to be addressed before the Program begins.

The Program requires participation in a two-day virtual orientation in the Fall, as well as monthly online meetings of the full cohort. Monthly one-on-one coaching meetings are also encouraged.

The Program is designed to provide updated skills and strategies that will lead to meaningful work in the legal profession, or adjacent to the profession. Examples of those skills are:

- Confidence and readiness.
- Self-assessment.
- Writing.
- Evaluation of the legal marketplace.
- Online profiles and resumes.
- Digital research and technology.
- Personalized substantive projects.
- Job search strategies and support.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please write a brief (2-5 paragraph) essay describing your legal career, the circumstances through which you left the profession, the factors that contributed to your decision to leave the profession (if applicable), and your goals and expectations for re-entering the workforce.

Send the essay to Kit Chaskin, Director of Northwestern’s Gender Initiatives, at kit@law.northwestern.edu by Friday, October 22, 2021.