

THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

*Invites Applications for the
2009-2010*

WILLIAM A. BAILEY HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP



PROGRAM: *Established jointly by APA and the American Psychological Foundation in 1995 to honor former APA staff member William A. Bailey for his tireless advocacy on behalf of psychological research, training, and services related to HIV/AIDS. Applicants for this Fellowship should have a background in health and behavior issues, including HIV/AIDS; health disparities; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health issues. Fellows spend one year working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee. Activities may involve drafting legislation, conducting oversight work, assisting with congressional hearings and events, and preparing briefs and speeches. Fellows also attend a two week orientation program on congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the congressional placement process, and participate in a year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) administers these aspects of the program for the APA Fellows and for fellows sponsored by over two dozen other professional societies.*

PURPOSE: *To provide psychologists with interests in health and behavior issues, including HIV/AIDS, health disparities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health issues, with an invaluable public policy learning experience, to contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge in government, and to broaden awareness about the value of psychology-government interaction among psychologists and within the federal government.*

CRITERIA: *A prospective Fellow must demonstrate competence in scientific and/or professional psychology related to health and behavior issues, such as HIV/AIDS. Fellows must also demonstrate sensitivity toward policy issues and have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to the solution of societal challenges. Fellows must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals with diverse viewpoints. An applicant must be a psychologist, a member of APA (or applicant for membership), and a U.S. citizen. They must have a doctorate in psychology (from an APA accredited doctoral program and internship, if in the area of professional psychology) or related field by the application deadline. A special exception is made for current psychology interns who may apply with certification from the director of training in their doctoral program that they have met all but the internship requirement for their doctoral degree by the application deadline. It should be noted that preference will be given to applicants with two or more years of experience following receipt of their doctorate.*

AWARD: *APA will sponsor up to one Fellow for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 2009. The Fellowship stipend ranges from \$64,500 to \$79,500, depending upon years of post-doctoral experience. In addition, \$3,750 is available for travel expenses during the Fellowship year and relocation to the Washington, DC area. Final selection of Fellows will be made in early spring of 2009.*

APPLICATION: *All materials must be postmarked by **January 7, 2009**. The application includes: (1) a completed APA Congressional Fellowship Application Coversheet, available at www.apa.org/ppo/fellows/coversheet.pdf; (2) a detailed vita providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (3) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interests in the Fellowship, career goals, and what the applicant can contribute to and learn from the experience; and (4) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to serve successfully on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant.*

Application materials should be sent to: Congressional Fellowship Program, Government Relations Office, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002-4242. For additional information, please contact Micah Haskell-Hoehl, Program Administrator, at (202) 336-5935 or mhaskell-hoehl@apa.org or visit the Fellowship Web site at www.apa.org/ppo/fellows.

William (Bill) A. Bailey championed HIV/AIDS and lesbian, gay, and bisexual policy issues for the APA as a member of the Public Policy Office staff. Among his many accomplishments, Bailey oversaw the development of a major report on behavioral and social sciences and the HIV/AIDS epidemic for the National Commission on AIDS; participated in the planning of an APA training program for psychologists who serve HIV-infected clients; facilitated the development of the AIDS community prevention programs supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; forged collaboration between several government agencies to support the HIV/AIDS mental health services demonstration program; and successfully advocated for National Institute of Mental Health funding for research on anti-gay violence. An openly gay man who died from AIDS at the young age of 34, his legacy is one of great personal and professional strength.