



THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Invites Applications for the 2009-2010

APA SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM: The Fellow will spend one year working as a special assistant in an executive branch research funding/coordinating office. Specific placement will be determined based on the Fellow's expertise and interests in coordination with APA staff. Past Fellows have worked in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Science Foundation. The Fellow attends an orientation program on congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science and public policy. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the APA Fellows and for those sponsored by over two dozen other professional societies.

PURPOSE: To provide psychologists an invaluable learning experience in research administration and policy, to contribute to more effective use of psychological knowledge within federal research funding agencies, and to broaden the awareness about the value of the psychology-government interaction among psychologists and within the federal government.

CRITERIA: The prospective Fellow must demonstrate competence in scientific psychology, display sensitivity toward policy issues, and have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to national science policy issues. The applicant must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. An applicant must be a psychologist, Member of APA, and have a doctorate in psychology or related field, with a minimum of two years post-doctoral experience preferred. An applicant also must be a U.S. citizen.

AWARDS: APA will sponsor one Fellow for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 2009. The Fellowship stipend is \$66,000, with an additional monthly stipend to apply to the cost of health insurance, plus \$3,000 for relocation to the Washington, D.C. area and travel expenses. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in April, 2009.

APPLICATION: Interested psychologists should **submit the following materials by January 9, 2009:** (1) a completed APA Science Policy Fellowship Application Coversheet (available on the APA Fellowship Web site at <http://www.apa.org/ppo/fellows/coversheet.pdf>); (2) a detailed curriculum vitae 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 interest in the fellowship, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the science policy process, what the applicant wants to learn from the experience and how it would fit within overall career goals; and (4) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work as a special assistant for science policy in an executive branch agency. Application materials should be sent to:

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Dr. Kelly may be contacted at (202) 336-5932 or hkelly@apa.org for more information about the Fellowship.

The deadline for applications is January 9, 2009.