



THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Seeks Applicants for the 2008-2009

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Congressional Fellowship Program

Since 1974, the American Psychological Association (APA) has been offering one-year Congressional Fellowships to provide psychologists with the unique opportunity to experience first-hand the intersection of psychology and public policy while working in a congressional office. Training for the Fellows, which takes place in early September, includes an eight-day orientation to congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on science and public policy. APA Congressional Fellows work as special legislative assistants on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee. Activities may include conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in congressional hearings and debates, preparing briefs, and writing speeches. Past Fellows have worked on diverse issues, such as child mental health, Medicare, health disparities research, and higher education. The program currently offers up to five Congressional Fellowships, including two specialized Fellowships for those interested in mental health services (as a mid-career psychologist) or health and behavior, as described below:

Catherine Acuff Congressional Fellowship. The Catherine Acuff Congressional Fellowship was established in 2000 to honor the memory of Catherine Acuff, Ph.D., a former member of APA's Board of Directors who died in April of that year following an acute illness. The Acuff Fellowship is for an applicant with five or more years of experience post-doctorate to reflect Dr. Acuff's mid-career transition to the public policy arena from private practice and various faculty positions.

William A. Bailey Health and Behavior Congressional Fellowship. APA and the American Psychological Foundation jointly established the William A. Bailey Congressional Fellowship in 1995 in memorial tribute to former APA staff member Bill Bailey for his tireless advocacy on behalf of psychological research, training, and services related to HIV/AIDS. Bailey Fellows receive a one-year appointment to work as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or congressional committee. They focus primarily on health and behavior issues, including HIV/AIDS.

Terms and Application Procedures

An applicant must be a psychologist, member of APA, and have a doctorate in psychology or related field, with a minimum of two years of experience post-doctorate preferred. An applicant also must be a U.S. citizen. Annual stipends for Congressional Fellows range from \$60,000 to \$75,000, depending upon years of experience post-doctorate and the specific Fellowship sought. Additional funds are provided for relocation/travel and for health insurance and other expenses. Applicants must submit an APA Congressional Fellowship Application Coversheet (available at www.apa.org/ppo/fellows/coversheet.pdf), current vita, 1,000-word personal statement of interest, and three letters of recommendation to: Congressional Fellowship Program, Government Relations Office, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242. The deadline for applications is January 3, 2007.

Public Policy Internship Program

The APA Public Policy Internship Program provides psychology graduate students with an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of how psychological research can inform public policy, while working on the staff of APA's Public Interest Government Relations Office in Washington, D.C. The Public Interest Government Relations Office helps to formulate and implement APA positions on major federal policy initiatives of importance to psychology in areas of public interest, including aging; children, youth and families; disability; ethnic minority affairs; HIV/AIDS; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues; socioeconomic status; trauma, violence and abuse; and women's issues.

Terms and Application Procedures

Applicants must be in at least their second year of a psychology doctoral program. APA policy interns work 15 to 20 hours per week at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Application materials comprised of a current vita, a personal statement of 500 words or less, three letters of reference, and a literature review should be sent by March 7, 2008, to: Public Policy Internship Program, Government Relations Office, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242.

For additional information about the APA Congressional Fellowship and Internship Programs, please contact the APA Public Policy Office at (202) 336-5935 or mhaskell-boehl@apa.org or visit the APA Public Policy Web site at www.apa.org/ppo/fellows.