



Reproductive Justice Fellowship Application

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) seeks applications from current 3Ls and recent law school graduates to work for one year as a Reproductive Justice Fellow at a selected host organization in Washington, D.C.

ORGANIZATION

LSRJ is a national network of law students, professors, and lawyers preparing the next generation of legal experts to protect, expand, and realize reproductive rights for all people. Mentoring and mobilizing a diverse group of law students and lawyers is an essential long-term strategy for building additional capacity, vision, and guidance for the reproductive justice movement. Find out more at www.LSRJ.org.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

LSRJ is launching the Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program (RJFP) as a means to enhance the capacity of reproductive justice organizations working to influence law and policy and to build a pipeline for future reproductive justice lawyers. The RJFP will provide lawyers with new entry points and professional development opportunities in reproductive justice law and policy advocacy. Placement organizations will benefit from enhanced research, analysis, and advocacy capacity, bolstering their ability to achieve desired outcomes and lasting change.

ENVIRONMENT

The RJ Fellow will receive a \$50,000 stipend and be placed at a selected reproductive justice organization in Washington D.C. from August 2010 through August 2011. As a law school graduate with an understanding of the reproductive justice framework, the RJ Fellow will assist in research, interpretation, and application of law to aid the host organization's litigation, publication, and policy pursuits. Thus, the RJ Fellow will play an integral role in helping to influence public opinion, shape litigation, and advance policy, aiming to ensure the future of reproductive justice for all people – irrespective of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, income, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation. In addition, the RJFP provides rich opportunities for professional development, training, networking, and education in a supportive atmosphere – ideal preparation for anyone interested in a career in reproductive justice advocacy or in someday founding or serving a nonprofit as staff, counsel, or board member. The RJ Fellows will be mentored by the LSRJ Curriculum & Training Coordinator and participate in monthly meetings and trainings with their cohort.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The RJ Fellow's work will further on the host organization's reproductive justice agenda, which may include issues concerning access to health care and family planning services; comprehensive sex education; restoring public funding for abortion services; support for pregnant and parenting prisoners and teens; and HIV/AIDS advocacy. The RJ Fellow may be responsible for conducting legal and policy analysis; educating policymakers, allies, and constituents; and participating in advocacy efforts. The RJ Fellow may also serve a key role in working for reproductive health policy change that meets the needs of vulnerable populations by representing the host organization in coalitions, meetings with staff and Members of Congress, and collaborations to advance legislative priorities.



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QUALIFICATIONS

- J.D. required by May 2010, bar admission preferred;
- Knowledge of or commitment to reproductive rights law and the reproductive justice framework;
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice;
- Superior written and oral communication skills;
- Comfort and familiarity with small nonprofit environment, ability to use limited resources efficiently and effectively;
- Relevant volunteer, work, and life experiences before, during, or after law school; and
- Commitment of one year (August 2010 through August 2011)

COMPENSATION

Each RJ Fellow will receive a salary/stipend of \$50,000 from LSRJ and a benefits package, including health insurance, to be determined by the host organization.

APPLICATION

Applicants must meet the necessary requirements and must be in their final year of law school or a recent law school graduate. Interested parties are asked to send the following application materials as separate attachments in a single email to Mariko Miki at Mariko@LSRJ.org:

- ☐ Application Form (to be filled out)
- ☐ Personal Statement
- ☐ Résumé
- ☐ Writing Sample
- ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Law School Transcript (official or unofficial)

All application materials must be received by LSRJ by 5:00 PM PST on MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010. Early applications are strongly encouraged. Due to the high volume of applications we receive and limited staffing, we regret that we are unable to notify applicants who are not awarded a Fellowship position.

LSRJ is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a diverse, multicultural work environment. People of color, people with disabilities, and those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer are strongly encouraged to apply.



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APPLICATION FOR 2010-2011 FELLOWSHIP YEAR

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

1. Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)
2. Present Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip code)
3. Phone: _____
(home) (cell)
4. Permanent Address: _____
(if different from above) (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)
5. Email: _____ 6. Alternate Email: _____
7. Date of Birth: _____
8. How did you hear about the RJFP? _____
9. Law School: _____ 10. Graduation Date _____
11. Current position and employer (if not a student): _____
12. Bar admission: _____
(state) (date)
13. Bar exams you plan to take prior to the Fellowship: _____
(state) (date)
14. Judicial clerkship (where and with whom, if any): _____
15. List any foreign languages you speak and your level of proficiency: _____
16. LSRJ welcomes a diverse applicant pool. Please indicate any of the following that apply to you. (Optional)

- ☐ African-American/Black
- ☐ Alternately-abled/Disability
- ☐ American Indian/Native Alaskan
- ☐ Arab-American
- ☐ Asian-American/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Caucasian/White

- ☐ Hispanic/Latino/a
- ☐ Lesbian/Gay /Bisexual/Transgender
- ☐ Multi-Racial _____
- ☐ Other: _____



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17. Personal statement: please write an essay (5-page limit) explaining why you would like to participate in the RJFP, and how both your personal career goals, as well as the reproductive justice cause, would be advanced through your participation in the RJFP. Feel free to include any information about your background or experiences, as well as your future plans, that you consider relevant to your application to the RJFP.

Please include any information that may assist LSRJ in determining your placement at a host organization in the event that you are selected as an RJ Fellow, such as your interest in focusing on a particular issue(s) (e.g., assisted reproductive technologies) or on a particular community (e.g., low-income women) and why. Expressing an interest in specific issues will not guarantee placement at any particular organization and does not preclude an applicant from being considered for other host organization placements (unless you indicate a preference not to work on a particular issue).

18. Résumé: please provide your current résumé indicating your employment history; your education (including participation in any extracurricular activities, clinics, law journals, moot court competitions, etc.); any published materials or other significant original research papers; any special honors, awards, scholarships, or fellowships; clerkships; and memberships in organizations or community activities in which you have been involved, including any leadership roles.

19. Writing sample: please provide a brief (10-page limit) sample of published or unpublished academic work, rather than legal memorandum or brief, concerning subject matter relevant to reproductive justice (for example, reproductive rights, women's rights, Constitutional law, family law, health care policy, etc.). If you do not have an appropriate, existing writing sample, please write a brief (10-page limit) essay analyzing a current reproductive justice issue and how legal advocates can impact relevant law and policy.

20. Two (2) letters of recommendation: please include each recommender's contact information (name, address, telephone number, email) and a brief explanation of each recommender's relationship to you and their knowledge of your academic and/or work performance. Your recommendation letters should be scanned and sent as e-mail attachments, preferably as part of your application in a single email.

21. Law school transcript: please scan and send an electronic copy of your law school transcript (official or unofficial) as an e-mail attachment, preferably as part of your application in a single email.

Send your completed application via e-mail to Mariko@LSRJ.org by 5:00 PM PST MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010. Direct questions by email (please no phone calls) to:

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