Public Policy Fellowships

Application Deadline: April 1, 2013

In 2013, the Williams Institute will offer two Public Policy Fellowships to graduates of a recent graduate degree program, including MA, MS, MPP, MPH, JD, and PhD. The purpose of the fellowship is to support the public policy research of the Williams Institute on sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

The Williams Institute

The Williams Institute is dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. A national think tank at UCLA Law, the Williams Institute produces high-quality research with real-world relevance and disseminates it to judges, legislators, policymakers, media and the public. Williams Institute priority research areas include: Demographic and economic analysis of the LGBT community; LGBT mental and physical health disparities; LGBT issues in communities of color; tracking and preventing violence against LGBT communities; sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination and anti-discrimination legislation; LGBT parenting issues; and legal rights and obligations for same-sex couples.

Fellowship Description

The Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to develop expertise in sexual orientation and gender identity public policy by participating in research, publication of reports and journal articles, and other scholarly work, and disseminating that work to policymakers. The Public Policy Fellow will work with Williams Institute scholars on ongoing Williams Institute research and other activities. Research tasks may include supporting, initiating and/or leading research projects; collecting, checking and analyzing data; gathering information; and preparing reports, journal articles, legislative testimony, expert testimony, op-eds, policy briefs, etc. The position may include attendance at relevant legislative briefings, policy seminars and participation in scholarly symposia, invited lectures, and conferences.

Eligibility

Applicants should have the following qualifications:

• A graduate degree in public policy, economics, psychology, sociology, public health, law, or
a related field.

- Knowledge of LGBT issues, quantitative methods, strong research skills, and experience with quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis.

- An outstanding aptitude for independent public policy, social science, and/or public health research preferably demonstrated through research and writing as a graduate student or experience after graduate school.

- Strong academic records and communication skills.

**Support**

The Fellowship begins in the fall of the academic year and lasts for one year, renewable to two years at the discretion of the Williams Institute. The Fellowship offers a salary of between $45,000 and $60,000 and full benefits for a 12-month appointment. A post-doctoral fellow in this position will also have the opportunity to work with a Williams Institute faculty mentor on developing her or his own research projects consistent with the mission of the Williams Institute. No classes can be taken and no degree will be offered as part of the Fellowship program.

**To Apply**

Rolling review of applications will begin February 14, 2013 with a final deadline of April 1, 2013. The fellowship application package should include a cover letter summarizing your qualifications for the Public Policy Research Fellowship, a resume, graduate school transcript, and a writing sample. Three letters of recommendation, including at least one from a recent professor, should be included with the application package, and each letter should be sealed in an envelope signed by the writer of the recommendation.

Send applications to:
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