



2012-2013 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 placement organization in Washington, D.C.

ORGANIZATION

LSRJ is a national network of law students, professors, and lawyers. We train and mobilize law students and new lawyers across the country to foster legal expertise and support for the realization of reproductive justice. Mentoring 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

In 2010, LSRJ launched the Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program (RJFP) as a means to enhance the capacity of organizations working to influence law and policy as it relates to reproductive justice 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. LSRJ has now successfully selected and placed two classes of Reproductive Justice (RJ) fellows at non-profit organizations with offices in Washington D.C. For more information about the 2010-11 and 2011-12 RJFP participants, visit: <http://RJFP.lsrj.org/>

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 2012 through August 2013. 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 placement 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 Director of Academic & Professional Programs and will participate in monthly training and networking events with their cohort.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The RJ Fellow's work will further the placement 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 women in prison; and the intersection of domestic violence and HIV/AIDS advocacy. The RJ Fellow may be responsible for conducting legal and policy analysis; educating policymakers, allies, and constituents; participating in advocacy efforts; and presenting at conferences or trainings. 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 placement 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 2012, bar admission by fall 2012 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 to spending one year (August 2012 through August 2013), including participation in all program activities, in Washington D.C.

COMPENSATION

Each RJ Fellow will receive a salary/stipend of \$50,000 from LSRJ and a benefits package, including health insurance, to be determined and distributed by the placement 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, each saved as “First & Last Name, Document Name” (ex: Jane Roe Resume.pdf) in a single email to LSRJ Director of Academic & Professional Programs, Mariko Miki at Mariko@LSRJ.org:

- Application Form (downloaded and filled out, or answers retyped)
- Personal Statement
- Résumé
- Writing Sample
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Optional: Law School Transcript (official or unofficial)

****For more information on how to prepare these materials, refer to Page 3 of this document****

All application materials must be received by LSRJ by **5:00PM PST on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**. Early applications are strongly encouraged.

Questions by email ONLY. Due to the high volume of applications we receive and limited staffing, we regret that we may not be able 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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INSTRUCTIONS

Personal statement: please write a letter of interest (5-page limit) explaining why you would like to participate in the RJFP, and how 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 lived 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 an 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 organization placements (unless you indicate a preference not to work on a particular issue).

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.

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.

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. However, recommenders may also send letters directly to LSRJ by separate email.

Optional law school transcript: You may send us a copy of your law school transcript (official or unofficial) as an e-mail attachment, preferably as part of your application in a single email. If you choose not to send us a transcript, it will not be counted against you in any way.

Save and name each document as "First & Last Name, Document Name" (ex: Jane Roe Resume.pdf).

Send your completed application **via e-mail** to Mariko@LSRJ.org by **5:00 PM PST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**. Direct questions by email only (please no phone calls) to:

RJFP c/o Mariko Miki, Esq.
Director of Academic & Professional Programs
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
1730 Franklin Street, Suite 212
Oakland, CA 94612



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(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. List relevant course work taken during law school (ex: repro rights, family law, clinical program): _____

17. LSRJ welcomes a diverse applicant pool. Please indicate any of the following that apply to you.

<input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternately-abled/Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino/a
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Native Alaskan	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian/Gay /Bisexual/Transgender
<input type="checkbox"/> Arab-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian-American/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____