

The Center for Reproductive Rights - Columbia Law School Fellowship

The Center for Reproductive Rights – Columbia Law School Fellowship (“CRR-CLS Fellowship”) is a two-year, post-graduate fellowship offered by the Center for Reproductive Rights (“the Center”) and Columbia Law School (“the Law School”). The Fellowship is designed to prepare recent law school graduates for legal academic careers, with a focus on reproductive health and human and human rights. Fellows will be affiliated with the Center and the Law School and will participate in the intellectual life of both programs.

The CRR-CLS Fellowship is a full-time, residential fellowship for up to two full years starting in July 2010. The Fellow will be a member of the community of graduate fellows at the Law School and will be integrated into the legal and policy work of the Center and will have work space at both locations. The Fellow will also have access to law school facilities, including the library and on-line research resources, and faculty events. It is expected that the Fellow will work closely with an assigned Law School faculty mentor.

Fellows will pursue independent research and scholarship in preparation for entering the legal academic job market at the conclusion of their first Fellowship year. Fellows are expected to produce a work of serious scholarship during their Fellowship tenure. Fellows will also have responsibility for the planning and hosting of academic conferences and/or roundtable discussions and creation of curricular materials as part of their work at CRR. The scope and detail of the Fellows’ work will be agreed upon in consultation with their faculty mentor and the Center for Reproductive Rights

STIPEND AND BENEFITS: The Fellow will receive a stipend of \$55,000 per year for each full year in residence. The Fellow shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining her or his own health insurance. The Fellow may purchase insurance through Columbia University.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must show a strong interest in developing a research agenda related to reproductive health and human rights and show exceptional promise as a legal scholar. Applicants will be evaluated by the quality of their application materials, and by their record of academic and professional achievement. A J.D. from an accredited law school in the United States is required. Fellows are not required to be graduates of Columbia Law School.

APPLICATION: Completed applications must be received by the Law School by **February 1, 2010**. Please note that it is preferred that application materials, other than the transcripts and letters of recommendation, be submitted electronically. A complete application must include:

1. **CRR-CLS Fellowship Application Form** (biographical and contact information);
2. **Curriculum Vitae;**

4. **Official transcripts** from college, law school and any graduate schools attended;
5. **Statement of Scholarly Interest** and future academic projects, including a discussion of how the fellowship will help the applicant in pursuing those interests and realizing those projects and a list of possible faculty mentors at the Law School;
6. A paper or other **writing sample** that demonstrates the applicant's writing and analytical abilities and ability to generate interesting original ideas. This can be a draft rather than a publication;
8. **A one paragraph statement** of why you want to pursue a career in the legal academy.
7. **Three letters of reference.** At least two letters must be from professors who can speak to the applicant's potential as a future legal academic.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation should be mailed or delivered to:

CRR-CLS Fellowship Program
Professor Carol Sanger
Columbia Law School
435 W. 116th Street
New York, NY 10025

ATTN: Margaret Symuleski, Faculty Assistant

Other application materials should be sent via email to: msymul@law.columbia.edu

**Center for Reproductive Rights-Columbia Fellowship
Application Form
Fellowship Year 2010-2012**

Full name: _____

Law School and Graduation Year: _____

I would be able to accept the fellowship from _____ to _____

Primary Contact Information

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Information valid from _____ to _____

Secondary Contact Information

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Information valid from _____ to _____

I understand that the term of the fellowship must fall between July 2010 to June 2012. I agree that in addition to completing a substantial piece of scholarship, I will assist in the planning and hosting of academic conferences and/or roundtable discussions and the creation of curricular materials as part of their work at CRR. Thus during the course of the Fellowship, I will reside in a location that makes such participation practical. I agree to submit an addendum to this application if for some reason I might not be able to meet these requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Fellowship Committee will consider those who would not be able to accept the Fellowship for the full two years, but only on the understanding that the fellow's financial assistance will be prorated.