



Planned Parenthood of New York City

Joan Malin Sexual and Reproductive Justice Fellowship

Purpose of the Malin Fellowship

Planned Parenthood of New York City (PPNYC) seeks to provide sexual and reproductive health care and education grounded in evidence-based practice, enhanced by innovation and informed by respect for every person's unique needs and circumstances. PPNYC believes that we have a responsibility to address inequities rooted in gender, race, class, sexual orientation, and neighborhood that drive health care disparities, and to support public policies that promote more equal access to resources and opportunities.

PPNYC provides a range of sexual and reproductive health care services at five health centers, one in each Borough of New York. We also offer comprehensive sexuality education services to young people, community adults, and professionals from social service organizations. Our public policy advocacy work reflects our clear understanding that we are a part – sometimes leaders, sometimes partners, sometimes allies – of a broad community that works together for sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice.

The Malin Fellowship is named in honor of Joan Malin, who served as PPNYC's President and CEO from 2000-2017. The Fellowship will support one Masters or Doctoral student who is interested in developing their theoretical knowledge and practical skills in applying a sexual and reproductive justice (SRJ) lens to address disparities in sexual and reproductive health in New York City.

"Reproductive justice is the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and to raise the children we have in safe and sustainable communities." ~ SisterSong¹

The Fellowship will provide a student with the opportunity to learn from leading public health practitioners and sexual and reproductive justice scholars and activists in the greater New York metropolitan area and beyond.

Eligible candidates for the fellowship must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Masters or Doctoral student in an accredited program for public health, psychology, social work, education, or sociology.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5 at time of application.
- At least 2 years previous paid or volunteer experience related to sexual and reproductive health (social service, education, policy, or public health settings are acceptable).

¹ The term "reproductive justice" was first coined by a caucus of Black women in 1994, from which emerged a framework and SisterSong, a collective of individuals and organizations led by Indigenous and women of color and their allies. The Reproductive Justice framework is also referred to as "Sexual and Reproductive Justice" to more specifically address those forms of injustice not limited to reproduction. For more info visit: www.SisterSong.net

- Submission of a complete application that includes a personal statement demonstrating their interest in and commitment to deepening their understanding and developing skills that will foster their application of the sexual and reproductive justice framework during their graduate program.
- Need for tuition remission (i.e., not currently receiving another tuition-based grant or scholarship).
- Ability to work 12 hours per week for two semesters on the fellowship project at Planned Parenthood of New York City.
- Willingness to comply with a PPNYC confidentiality agreement, and a student work agreement as developed by PPNYC.

Preference will be given to applicants who identify with one or more underserved communities in NYC (broadly defined or based on race/ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation, immigration status, national origin, first language, neighborhood, etc.).

Malin Fellowship Award

One Malin Fellow will be selected for the 2019-2020 academic year. The Fellow will receive payment for tuition and fees for two semesters, an hourly stipend of \$35.00 for 10-15 hours per week of work, and supervision and guidance from a PPNYC supervisor and Dr. Lynn Roberts, an expert in sexual and reproductive justice practice.

Project Aims and Scope

The project will involve utilizing a SRJ theoretical framework to:

- Conduct an ecological assessment of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality (MIMM) in New York City.
- Assess how PPNYC services (across education, policy and public communications, and clinical services) address MIMM and overall wellness of communities at greatest risk for MIMM, and how we can enhance/improve what we do in this area.
- Develop a strategic plan for future organizational work in this area.

Expected outcomes:

- Work 10-15 hours of week for 30 weeks (15 weeks per semester for 2 semesters) on the project.
- Participate in the ongoing PPNYC SRJ work group to collaborate on the project aims.
- A written report and presentation to the SRJ work group of the ecological landscape of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality (MIMM) in New York City
- A written assessment of how PPNYC services (across education, policy and public communications, and clinical services) address MIMM and overall wellness of communities at greatest risk for MIMM, and how we can enhance/improve what we do in this area.
- A written proposal for future organizational work in this area outlining goals, objectives, activities, and outcomes.
- A final presentation of the scope of work of the fellowship.

Proposal Requirements

Narrative describing:

1. Your plan to meet the requirements outlined above. Include how and when you will perform the required amount of hours. Provide a proposed timeline of activities that will achieve the stated aims and required outcomes. (≤1,000 words narrative plus a separate timeline/work plan).
2. Educational and professional experience related to the project (≤500 words).
3. Your interest in and commitment to SRJ. As part of this, include how an SRJ framework could address a disparity related to an aspect of your identity or lived experience (≤1,500 words).

Supporting documents:

1. Cover sheet (see below)
2. Graduate transcript (unofficial or official version is acceptable)
3. CV
4. Statement that you will have no other special funding support for tuition for the year of the fellowship (e.g., grants, scholarships, fellowships, or tuition remission).

Application materials are due by March 15, 2019 at 5:00pm. Submit a *single document* of all proposal components in an email attachment to:

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Application Cover Sheet

Name _____

Graduate Program in which you are currently enrolled:

University _____ School _____

Masters Doctoral

Will you be an incoming (new) student in the fall of 2019?

Yes No

Will you be able to devote 10-15 hours per week of work (non-class time) to this project for two semesters?

Yes No