

Joan Malin Sexual and Reproductive Justice Fellowship In Exclusive Partnership with the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy

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 MPH or DPH student at CUNY School of Public Health (SPH).
- 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.
- Willingness to comply with a PPNYC confidentiality agreement, and a student work agreement as developed by PPNYC preceptor and CUNY faculty advisor.

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 2018-2019 academic year. The Fellow will receive payment to CUNY 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 CUNY SPH Faculty Advisor and a PPNYC Preceptor. Fellowship work may or may not fulfill the CUNY SPH practicum requirement. This will be determined by CUNY SPH based on project timing and focus.

Project Aims and Scope

The project will involve the following components:

- Utilizing a SRJ theoretical framework to guide an organizational assessment and work plan.
- Conducting a historical review of SRJ-congruent work at PPNYC over the past three years.
- Participating in the ongoing PPNYC SRJ work group to develop a set of guiding principles for integrating SRJ into the various kinds of work that PPNYC performs.
- Developing a work plan for SRJ integration into PPNYC's Executive Office and Education Department, as first steps to organization-wide work planning.
- Developing an evaluation plan for SRJ integration successes and barriers in term of process and outcomes of SRJ integration.

Expected outcomes:

- Work 10-15 hours of week for 30 weeks (15 weeks per semester for 2 semesters) on the project.
- Written summary of an SRJ theoretical framework and how it will be used in the PPNYC organizational context.
- Written summary of PPNYC's work in the area of SRJ in the past three years with recommendations for future SRJ work.
- Written work plan for SRJ integration that is specific to the Executive Office and Education Department.
- Written evaluation plan with data collection methods and measures.

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. ($\leq 1,000$ 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 ($\leq 1,500$ 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 May 4, 2018 at 5:00pm. Submit a *single document* of all proposal components in an email attachment to:

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**Joan Malin Sexual and Reproductive Justice Fellowship
Application Cover Sheet**

Name _____

Are you in the CUNY SPH MPH or DPH program?

MPH DPH

Will you be an incoming (new) student in the fall of 2018?

Yes No

Will you be completing your practicum during the 2018-2019 academic year?

Yes No

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

Yes No