



CALIFORNIA  
HIV / AIDS POLICY  
RESEARCH CENTERS

# Applying to the CHPRC HIV/AIDS Policy Research Fellows Program

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# About the Fellows Program

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- Seeks to enhance the capacity of individuals and organizations to develop, monitor, and shape policies that impact statewide and local HIV prevention and treatment
- Provides policy research training and education to individuals affiliated with HIV-related community-based organizations
- The ideal candidate should have demonstrated an interest in policy research; have at least two years of experience in the HIV field; and have demonstrated cultural humility with respect to communities disproportionately impacted by HIV

# Who is the ideal candidate?

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- A person interested in HIV policy-related questions or issues
- A person affiliated with a community based organization, AIDS Service Organization, or clinic in California
- A person that can travel to either San Francisco or Los Angeles to commit 20-25 hours/month

# Who is the ideal candidate?

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- A person that can commit to a two year Fellowship program
- A person with strong written and verbal communication skills
- A person with direct services experience that wishes to bring an increased set of policy research skills and knowledge to their sponsoring agency and the community it serves

# What materials do I need to apply?

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- A completed application includes the following:
  - Application Form;
  - Narrative application (4 topics);
  - Letter of Support from your Sponsoring Agency; and
  - Copy of your resume/CV

# How do I identify a policy question?

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- There can be a range of questions. Here are some examples:
  - How does access to housing impact the well-being of low income people living with HIV?
  - How does mainstreaming HIV and mental health services affect people living with HIV?
  - What insurance companies on the California insurance exchange cover PrEP? Are these options affordable for most people at risk?

# How will I find time? My agency is swamped!

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We know that a lot of agencies are busy taking care of clients these days. To make this program more tenable, we give each agency \$1,000/month (\$24,000/2 year period) to help offset staff time. This is because we ask Fellows to come to our policy centers for their training which will allow them to focus on the policy work during the duration of the Fellowship. Fellows may also travel to Los Angeles or San Francisco to network with other researchers and advocates, and to get policy research training.

# Application Logistics

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- The deadline is January 12, 2018
- You can download the application at:  
<http://chprc.org/fellows-program>
- Send applications to:
  - Northern California: Stuart Gaffney ([stuart.Gaffney@ucsf.edu](mailto:stuart.Gaffney@ucsf.edu))
  - Southern California: Elizabeth Wu ([elizabethwu@luskin.ucla.edu](mailto:elizabethwu@luskin.ucla.edu))
- There are two centers, and each plan to accept 3 Fellows
- Finalists will be contacted for interviews mid-January
- Decisions will be made by January, and the Program will start April 1, 2018

# What happens if I am selected?

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- You spend 20-25 hours a month (approximately 5-7 hours a week) working with one of our policy centers
- You become embedded in a team of policy researchers
- You gain insights working with policy advocates and disseminating research effectively to legislators and key stakeholders
- You meet other scholars, advocates, and Fellows in other programs working around the state

# Who benefits from the program?

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- You: As a CHPRC Policy Research Fellow you will have the opportunity to learn from leading scholars and community advocates across the state of California.
- Your organization: The Sponsoring Agency you work with will also benefit from your participation as they receive a stipend for your participation and gain a partner in policy analysis and policy research.
- Your community: The communities your organization serves also benefit by having a trusted partner to help identify and address policy issues on the ground.

# Who do I ask if I have questions?

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- In the Northern part of California, email Emily Arnold at [emily.arnold@ucsf.edu](mailto:emily.arnold@ucsf.edu).
- In the Southern part of California, email Ayako Miyashita at [miyashita@law.ucla.edu](mailto:miyashita@law.ucla.edu).