

# LATINO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HEILBRUNN DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION AND FAMILY HEALTH  
MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

2009 – 2010

## PURPOSE

The Latino Fellowship Program is designed to support the development of early-career public health professionals who are committed to addressing the health disparities confronted by a large and growing Latino population in the United States. One or two fellowships are offered each year for students pursuing their Masters of Public Health (MPH) through the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, in either the Reproductive and Family Health Track or the Sexuality and Health Track.

## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The MPH program in the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health prepares students to develop, implement, administer, and evaluate programs and policies within the fields of sexual, reproductive, and family health. Each area is covered within a global context, combining strategies and experiences from the United States and the developing world. A particular focus of the program is on Washington Heights, the low-income, immigrant community in Northern Manhattan in which the campus is located. Here, programs developed and run by the Department provide rich and varied training opportunities for students. Having worked in the field prior to admission, the student body brings impressive and diverse experiences in domestic and international health to their academic tracks.

### For more information about the Academic Program:

<http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/popfam/teach/index.html>.

## FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the fellowship is contingent on being admitted as a full-time Masters of Public Health student

in either the Reproductive and Family Health Track, or the Sexuality and Health Track, of the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University. The Department strongly prefers applicants with at least two prior years of relevant public health work experience. In addition, to be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must be:

- Conversant in Spanish;
- Early-career professionals whose work experience focuses on Latino communities in the US and/or countries that send large numbers of Latino immigrants to the US;
- Committed to working with Latino populations in the US following completion of the degree;
- Eligible for Financial Aid.

## NOTES

- Students of Latino ethnicity are encouraged to apply.
- Individuals with advanced degrees (MD, PhD) are not appropriate candidates.
- Students engaging in dual-degree programs at Columbia University (e.g., MSW/MPH) should apply for the Fellowship in the year immediately preceding their registration in the Mailman School of Public Health.
- Unsuccessful candidates cannot reapply.

## WHAT FELLOWS RECEIVE

Fellows receive full tuition up to the maximum of 45 credits required for the MPH degree. Appointed as Graduate Research Assistants in the department, fellows also receive monthly stipends in exchange for working 20 hours per week from September 1 through May 31. The 45-credit program is normally completed in two years.

## HOW TO APPLY

Students interested in these fellowships must submit all of the following materials by **January 5, 2009**:

- ***Application for the Latino Fellowship Program***

The application form is attached or can be found online at:

<http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/popfam/teach/hfp.html>

- ***Application for admission to the Mailman School of Public Health***

Applications include the Mailman School of Public Health application form, GRE (Graduate Record Exam) scores, official transcripts, three references, a personal statement, and a resume. The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is required when the applicant's first language is not English and the bachelor's degree is not from a US college or university.

***Please note that applications are not reviewed until they are complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents are received on time by the Admissions Office of the Mailman School of Public Health.***

Online applications are strongly encouraged and available at:

[http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/admissions/app\\_center.html](http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/admissions/app_center.html)

- ***Application for Financial Aid***

For information about how to apply for financial aid, see:

<http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/financialaid/index.html>

## SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF FELLOWS

The selection of fellows involves a number of important considerations, including potential to contribute to the field of public health, nature of previous work experience, and financial need. Most importantly, the committee seeks evidence of a candidate's commitment to working with Latino populations in the US following completion of the degree. The selection committee may request an interview with a candidate.

Fellowship applicants can expect to receive notification of the status of their application to the Latino Fellowship Program by March 20, 2009. Notification of admission to the School is sent separately.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Information about the Fellowship is available on the following web site:

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## APPLICATION

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Name:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

1 a. Have you submitted a complete application for admission to the Mailman School of Public Health, Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health? (**Note:** Only students accepted to the Reproductive and Family Health or Sexuality and Health tracks are eligible for the Fellowship.)

Yes  No Date of submission:

1 b. Have you submitted an application for Financial Aid?

Yes  No Date of submission:

2. Spanish Language Skills -- Check the box that applies for each category.

Skills	Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
Verbal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. On a separate sheet, describe your previous work experience with Latino communities in the United States, or in countries that send large numbers of Latino immigrants to the United States. Describe your career goals and how you believe that an MPH in Reproductive and Family Health, or Sexuality and Health, would support those goals.

Candidates are *strongly* encouraged to submit an essay that is *distinct* from the one submitted with the application to the Mailman School of Public Health.

4. How did you learn about the Fellowship Program?

Complete applications must be post-marked and/or e-mailed to the address below no later than *January 5, 2009*. Late applications will not be considered.

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