

## **Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect**

**Grantor:** Doris Duke Charitable Foundation/Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

**Closes:** 12/15/2010

**Maximum:** \$50,000.00

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Application period: August 15, 2010 through December 15, 2010 (for the 2011-2012 fellowship year)

As part of an effort to assure the continued development of a committed, talented, and well-prepared workforce, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago have launched the Doris Duke Fellowship for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The program will support the creation of new knowledge on the dynamics of abuse and neglect and of effective strategies for the prevention of child maltreatment.

Doctoral students who are interested in a career in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention are invited to apply for the new fellowship program. Fellows will participate in a robust learning experience designed to simulate their long-term commitment to examining the individual, community, and normative factors that contribute to or mitigate a child's risk for abuse or neglect. The fellowship will provide \$25,000 annual support for up to two years.

The program seeks individuals who have the skills, energy, and passion to break new ground in this field. Applicants will be required to identify an expert mentor to work with in guiding their fellowship experience and to demonstrate the support of their academic institution in pursuing the fellowship.

Fellows can be based at any academic institution in the U.S. and will be selected through an open national competition. Because the prevention of child maltreatment requires knowledge and collaboration from diverse fields, the program is multidisciplinary in scope and approach. Its range of academic disciplines includes but is not limited to social work, public health, medicine, public policy, education, and economics. Fellows will work on a variety of issues such as: designing programs that attract and retain the most vulnerable families; creating strategies that better connect public and private efforts; and applying empirical evidence to improve practice and policy.

Professional development is a critical part of the fellows' experience. Selected fellows will be mentored by leaders in the field and professors with pertinent expertise, participate in a collegial network for fellows, attend an annual knowledge sharing meeting, and take part in presentation and training opportunities. The fellowships program seeks to build a sustainable peer learning network among the fellows and mentors and create ongoing professional relationships to help those working to prevent child abuse draw on diverse disciplines and innovations.

The fellowships program will consist of two cohorts of 15 fellows with 2-year terms; the first starting in the Fall 2011, the second starting in the Fall 2012. Each fellow receives an annual stipend of \$25,000 for the duration of the term. The application period for the first cohort will open on August 15, 2010 and applications will be due December 15, 2010.

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