

JUSTICE POLICY NETWORK FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

About the Justice Policy Network Fellowship

The Justice Policy Network is a community for emerging and established leaders in criminal justice to advance the creation and implementation of transformative justice practices. The network recruits, trains, and connects a diverse group of individuals interested in pursuing and/or advancing a career in the government sector specializing in transforming the justice system. The core of the Justice Policy Network is the annual fellowship program, the nation's first public policy and leadership program specifically designed for current and future public sector policy staffers. The fellowship is currently offered in Los Angeles, CA and the Washington, DC / Baltimore, MD area.

The fellowship is designed to accommodate the professional and personal commitments of the participants. With an emphasis on practical learning and skills-based development, the Justice Policy Network Fellowship provides a supportive and highly collaborative environment where individuals learn the knowledge, skills, and insights needed to develop and implement smart justice policies and programs. The four-session format of the fellowship, along with monthly dialogues with system leaders, networking events, and time for personal reflection, allows fellows to gain exposure to practical, real-world case studies and learn how to transform the justice system. Participants will also receive personal coaching and be connected to members of the Justice Policy Network staff, advisory board, and alumni association.

Reasons to Apply

- Enhanced understanding of the justice system
- Professional development
- Leverage networks to gain insight and potential employment
- Infuse new ideas in order to transform the justice system

Fellowship Requirements

The formal fellowship program will take place over the course of the year, beginning in March 2017 and ending in November 2017. Over the course of the fellowship, fellows will be expected to attend **four** Saturday sessions, **five** after-work events with leaders in justice policy, **one** individual coaching session, and participate in **three** group conference calls. Additionally, as part of the professional development component of the fellowship, fellows will be encouraged to attend networking events and/or meetings with leaders in the justice field. Following the completion of the fellowship, fellows will be encouraged to remain a part of a growing alumni network that continues to have national reach and impact.

The fellowship curriculum is designed to provide fellows with an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system, share best practices in research and policy development, connect them with nationally recognized leaders, and coach them in developing personal professional development plans. Themes that will run throughout the curriculum include the exercise of leadership, power dynamics as a driver of policy-making, and networking.

***A full schedule will be issued in January, but the first sessions will take place on:

	Los Angeles Program	Washington/Baltimore Program
Session I: Transforming the Justice System	Saturday, March 11 10am-5pm	Saturday, March 18 10am-5pm
Justice Policy Network Meet and Greet	Tuesday, April 11 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday, April 13 6:30-8:30pm
Professional Development Planning (conference call) Theme: Resume Building	Tuesday, April 25 6:30-7:30pm	Thursday, April 27 6:30-7:30pm
Justice Leaders Dialogue (Guest speaker)*	Tuesday, May 9 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday, May 11 6:30-8:30pm
Session II: Creating a Context for Success	Saturday, June 3 10am-7:00pm (Includes dinner with JPN alumni)	Saturday, June 10 10am-5:00pm
Justice Leaders Dialogue (Guest speaker)*	Tuesday, July 11 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday, July 13 6:30-8:30pm
Professional Development Plan Check-in (conference call) Theme: Personal Work Plan	Tuesday, July 25 6:30-7:30pm	Thursday, July 27 6:30-7:30pm
Fellow-Driven Session Theme: Connecting JPN to Your Work	Tuesday, August 15 6:30-8:30pm	Tuesday, August 17 6:30-8:30pm
Session III: Moving an Agenda	Saturday, Sept. 9 10am-5pm	Saturday, Sept. 16 10am-5pm
Fellow-Driven Session Theme: TBD	Tuesday, Oct. 3 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday, Oct. 5 6:30-8:30pm
Professional Development Check-in (conference call) Theme: Mentorship	Tuesday, Oct. 17 6:30-7:30pm	Thursday, Oct. 19 6:30-7:30pm
Session IV: Reflections and Making Your Leap Into Government	Saturday, Nov. 18 6:30-8:30pm	Saturday, Nov. 4 6:30-8:30pm

** Exact times and dates are subject to change based on speaker availability. Advance notice of any changes will be provided. In the Los Angeles Program, these events will take place in downtown Los Angeles. In the Washington/Baltimore Program, these events will alternate between locations in downtown Washington and Baltimore that are conveniently accessible by public transportation (Metro rail and/or MARC).*

Eligibility Criteria

- Strong interest in criminal justice reform and advocacy
- Evidence of leadership skills and potential for leadership growth
- Demonstrated commitment to criminal justice-oriented activities
- Interest in pursuing a career within government
- Superior analytical skills, outstanding oral, and written communication skills
- A minimum of 2 years of work experience and high school diploma, or equivalent.

Selection Process

The selection process is very competitive and will take into account diversity in experience to enrich peer-to-peer learning. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee composed of Justice Policy Network staff, advisors and experts in the field. Only top candidates receive an invitation for an interview. Ten to 15 fellows are accepted annually in each of the program cities, based on the quality of their application and their interview scores. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to contributing to social justice advocacy following their year as a Justice Policy Network Fellow.

How To Apply

Submissions will begin to be accepted on **January 1, 2017** with all applications due no later than **February 8, 2017**. Part of the application process requires that you list two references that we can contact during the selection process.

The fellowship application package should include:

- The application form (including references)
- Written statement summarizing your interest and qualifications for the Justice Policy Network Fellowship and vision for a transformed justice system (up to three pages).
- Resume/CV
- Writing sample (not to exceed three pages).

For any inquiries and to submit an application email Anthony Perez, The Raben Group, at aperez@rabengroup.com. Please write Justice Public Network Fellowship on the subject line.

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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Home phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Applying for: Los Angeles Program Washington/Baltimore Program

Academic Background _____

Please provide two references, including name, title and contact information (email, phone #, etc.)

Attach a typed written statement of up to three pages in length describing the following: 1) Why you are interested in participating in this fellowship; 2) Your qualifications, and; 3) Your vision for what our criminal justice system should look like.

The written statement can deal with your personal history, family background, intellectual development, and the educational, professional, or cultural opportunities to which you have been exposed and their impact on you.

Please be sure to explain what knowledge, experience and skills you would bring to the fellowship that would enable you to thrive in the program, addressing any specific strengths, versatility, and relevant work experience(s). In particular, make sure to elaborate on your personal goals, what you would like to gain from the program and how the fellowship will help you play a role in your vision for a transformed justice system.

In addition, please provide a resume/CV and a writing sample not to exceed 3 pages.

Your written statement and writing sample must be formatted using: 1) Times New Roman font, 2) a font size of 12, 3) one inch margins on all sides, and 4) up to two pages in length. Include as a header, your name and page number.