

# J U S T I C E P O L I C Y N E T W O R K

## JUSTICE POLICY NETWORK FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

### About the Justice Policy Network Fellowship

The Justice Policy Network (JPN) is a community for emerging and established leaders in criminal justice to advance the creation and implementation of transformative justice policies. 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 criminal justice policy. 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 will be entering its fourth year in 2018 and we are looking for our new cohort of fellows from across Southern California to join our growing network of over 50 diverse leaders. 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 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 weekend-session format of the fellowship, which includes dialogues with system leaders, networking events, and time for personal reflection, allows fellows the opportunity 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 JPN staff 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 2018 and ending in November 2018. Over the course of the fellowship, fellows will be expected to attend **five** Saturday sessions, **one** after-work event, **one** individual coaching session, and participate in **one** group outing. 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 and contribute to the growth of our national network.

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 fellows 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.

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## Tentative 2018 Schedule\*

EVENT	DATE
<b>Session I:</b> Transforming the Justice System	<b>Saturday, March 17, 2018</b> 10AM - 5PM
<b>JPN Meet and Greet:</b> Current and Past Fellows	<b>Tuesday, April 10, 2018</b> 6:00-8:30PM
Scheduled Check-Ins with JPN Team Members	<b>Week of April 23, 2018</b>
<b>Session II:</b> Creating a Context for Success	<b>Saturday, May 12, 2018</b> 10AM - 5PM
<b>Session III:</b> Moving an Agenda	<b>Saturday, July 14, 2018</b> 10AM - 5PM
<b>Session IV:</b> Making Your Leap Into Government	<b>Saturday, September 8, 2018</b> 10am-5pm
JPN Field Trip	<b>Week of October 15, 2018</b>
<b>Session V:</b> Reflections and The Future of Justice	<b>Saturday, November 17, 2018</b> 10AM - 5PM

*\* Exact times and dates are subject to change based on speaker availability. Advance notice of any changes will be provided. These events will take place in or near downtown Los Angeles.*

### 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.

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## 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, 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, 2018** with all applications due no later than **February 9, 2018**. 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](mailto:aperez@rabengroup.com). Please write Justice Public Network Fellowship on the subject line.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Background: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 three pages in length. Include as a header, your name and page number.