



2018 Post-Law School Fellowship Opportunities – Fighting Poverty and Advancing Racial Justice through Systemic Advocacy

The **Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law**, a non-profit law and policy organization located in Chicago, Illinois, is accepting applications from candidates for post-law school fellowship opportunities in its Community Justice, Housing Justice, Early Childhood Justice, and Healthcare Justice Programs. We are also interested in exploring cross-programmatic fellowship projects that would address current threats to the well-being of immigrant and other vulnerable communities, including threats to eligibility for public programs and the potential impact of accessing public benefits on their immigration status. The Fellow would begin in the fall of 2018.

The Shriver Center has been a leader in the fight to advance justice and opportunity for all for the last fifty years. We do so through legal and policy advocacy in Illinois and nationally, working in concert with affected communities, social service providers and ally organizations. Because of our deep roots in Illinois and our national presence, we are able to leverage our impact across states and at the federal level and inform our advocacy with wisdom gained in other jurisdictions.

Our **Community Justice Program** works to ensure justice-involved people have fair opportunities to build a new future. Our **Housing Justice Program** works to protect housing rights and expand housing opportunities for individuals and families with low incomes, and for communities of color. Our **Early Childhood Justice Program** advocates to make critical supports and early intervention services available to all parents. Our **Healthcare Justice Program** works to protect and strengthen the health care safety net, reduce racial and ethnic health disparities and promote access to high-quality affordable healthcare for people and families with low-income.

The Fellowship Process: The Shriver Center seeks accomplished candidates with a demonstrated commitment to economic and racial justice. Successful candidates will have excellent research and writing skills and the ability to organize, lead and effectuate an ambitious fellowship project. Organizations such as Equal Justice Works and the Skadden Fellowship Foundation offer two-year fellowships to graduating law students and outgoing judicial clerks. Equal Justice Works also offers two-year fellowships to experienced attorney seeking to transition into the public interest sector. We will also sponsor selected applicants for school-based and other fellowships as appropriate.

The Shriver Center encourages applicants to apply as early as possible – fellowship programs are competitive and we want ample time to work with successful applicants to develop a compelling project. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, most recent (unofficial or official) transcript, and three references to fellowships@povertylaw.org as soon as possible and **no later than June 23, 2017**.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Applicants with project ideas should discuss them in the cover letter, but it is not necessary to have a specific proposal to apply. The Shriver Center will work closely with successful applicants to develop a compelling project and navigate the fellowship process.

At the Shriver Center, we know that a richly diverse mix of professionals makes organizations more effective. As such, we make demographic and experiential diversity a hallmark and priority of all our work.

