

CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON WOMEN & PUBLIC POLICY

APPLY NOW for
JANUARY–AUGUST 2009

WHY A WOMEN'S POLICY FELLOWSHIP? The WREI Fellowships are designed to train future public policy leaders to examine issues from the perspective, experiences, and needs of women. Administered by WREI, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization located in Washington, DC, this program is unique—the only Congressional fellowship program directly by, for, and about women.

WHAT DOES A FELLOW DO? A WREI Fellow works a minimum of 40 hours a week in a Congressional office as a legislative aide on policy issues affecting women. Fellows meet weekly for issue seminars directed by the WREI staff. Orientation for the Class of 2009 will begin in January 2009; office placement starts at the end of that month. The program runs until the end of August 2009.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Students who are currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at an accredited institution in the U.S. or who have completed such a program within the past 18 months are eligible. WREI strongly recommends that applicants complete at least nine hours of graduate coursework before applying and display serious interest in research and policymaking relevant to women's social and political status.

WREI Fellows, Class of 2008



From left to right: Carolyn Hughes, Pammy O'Leary, Joanne Manrique, Anh Phan and Jennifer Taylor (not shown: Amanda Wetzel)

WHAT ARE SELECTION CRITERIA?

Fellows are selected on the basis of academic competence as well as demonstrated interest in the public policy process. They must be articulate and adaptable and have strong writing skills. Fellows may come from virtually any field, including medicine, the law, the arts, the natural sciences, the social sciences, women's studies, and business. Applicants of any age, race, experience, or sexual orientation are encouraged to apply.

WHAT IS THE AWARD?

A WREI Fellow receives a stipend of \$1,450 per month for eight months (January–August). An additional sum of \$500 is provided for the purchase of health insurance. WREI will also reimburse up to \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) for the cost of three hours tuition at a Fellow's home institution. Fellows are responsible for transportation to and from Washington, and for finding their own living arrangements.

Between five and seven Fellowships may be available, depending on funding. The six 2008 Fellowships were made possible by grants from Altria; Elizabeth, Martha, and Emily Ehrenfeld; Johnson & Johnson; Wyeth; and the ILGWU 21st Century Heritage Fund. Additional support was provided by Avon Products, Inc.; and American Express.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications can be downloaded from WREI's website, www.wrei.org, or obtained by writing the Congressional Fellowship Program 2009, Women's Research & Education Institute, 3300 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 218, Arlington, VA 22201. Mail applicants must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 60¢ postage. Candidates should submit applications by mail or email. No faxed applications are accepted.

Applications and supporting materials must be received at the WREI office by Friday, **May 16, 2008**.

ABOUT WREI

The Women's Research & Education Institute (WREI), is a national, public policy data and analysis center whose mission is to inform and help shape the legislative debate on issues affecting women and their roles in the family, the workplace, and the public arena.

The WREI Congressional Fellowship program is one element in a range of WREI efforts to increase policymakers' access to useful and timely information about women.

To learn more about WREI and its programs, or to obtain a current list of WREI publications on women's policy issues, visit our website at www.wrei.org,



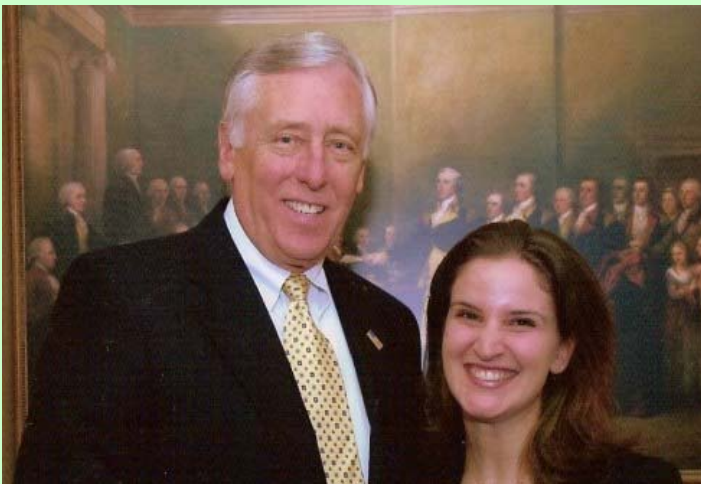
Rep. William Delahunt (MA) and 2007 Fellow Davida Walsh, a lawyer who handled his education and public housing portfolio.



2007 Fellow Yen Truong, a third year med student, covered health issues for Rep. Lois Capps of California, co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.



Rep Lucille Roybal-Allard assigned 2007 Fellow Sara Harrier to work on women's health, HHS and housing appropriations.



House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer with Deborah Perlman, who worked on foreign affairs in his Maryland office.

THE CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY

**Training scholars as policymakers in Congress—
a program for graduate students**

The Women's Research & Education Institute (WREI) sponsors an annual fellowship program that places graduate students in Congressional offices and on strategic Congressional committee staffs.

The Fellowships are designed to:

- Encourage more effective participation by women in the formulation of policy options;
- Promote activities that encourage the translation of research into policy;
- Raise awareness that national and international issues concerning women are interdependent; and
- Increase understanding that those issues often defined as "women's issues" are, in fact, human issues, important to men as well as women.