

# CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON WOMEN & PUBLIC POLICY

**APPLY NOW** for  
JANUARY–AUGUST 2010

**WHY A WOMEN'S POLICY FELLOWSHIP?** The WREI Fellowships are designed to train potential leaders in public policy formation 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 fellowships program on Capitol Hill 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 2010 will begin in January 2010; office placement starts at the end of that month. The program runs until the end of August 2010.

**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 policy-making relevant to women's social and political status.

## **WHAT ARE THE 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 \$1,500 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 will be available, depending on funding. The five 2009 Fellowships were made possible by grants from Altria; Amgen; Elizabeth, Martha, and Emily Ehrenfeld; 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 ([http://www.wrei.org/2010\\_Fellow\\_application\\_public\\_0001.pdf](http://www.wrei.org/2010_Fellow_application_public_0001.pdf)) or obtained by mail from Congressional Fellowship Program 2010, Women's Research & Education Institute, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20036. Mail applicants must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 60¢ postage. Candidates should submit applications by mail or e-mail. No faxed applications are accepted.

An original and two copies of the application and supporting materials must be received at the WREI office by **May 22, 2009**.

## **WREI Fellows, Class of 2009**



*From left to right: Jenny Lah, Megan Curran, Abha Kundi, Krystl Haerian and Allison Adams-Alwine*

## ABOUT WREI

The Women's Research & Education Institute (WREI), is an independent, public policy research and information center whose mission is to inform and help shape the public policy 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, timely data and analysis 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](http://www.wrei.org), write to WREI at Suite 801, 1828 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone us at (202) 280-2718 or e-mail us at [wrei@wrei.org](mailto:wrei@wrei.org).



**2008 Fellow Pammy O'Leary handled the Women's Equality Amendment for her boss, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY).**



**Rep. Bobby Scott (VA) with 2008 Fellow Carolyn Hughes, who worked on education, labor rights and women's issues on his staff.**



**2008 Fellow Joanne Manrique worked on health issues for Rep. Rosa DeLauro (NY).**

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**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 program is 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.



**California Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (center) with four of her WREI Fellows: Sara Harrier (2007), Patricia Rojas (2001), Ahn Phan (2008) and Debbie Jessup (2005).**