

The Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

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The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago invite outstanding doctoral students to apply for the *Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*. This new opportunity is designed to identify and develop a new generation of leaders capable of and interested in creating initiatives that will advance child abuse prevention practice and policy.

Implementing the best strategies for preventing abuse and neglect will require a committed, talented and well-prepared generation of leaders.

**Deborah Daro, research fellow,
Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago**

Because the prevention of child maltreatment requires knowledge and collaboration from diverse fields, the fellowships are multidisciplinary in scope and approach. Fellows will be selected from a range of academic disciplines, including—but not limited to—social work, public health, medicine, public policy, education, and economics.

Fellows will work on a variety of issues to improve the efficacy of child abuse prevention such as: designing programs that attract and retain the most vulnerable families; creating strategies that better connect public and private efforts; and applying empirical evidence to improve practice and policy.

The basics

- The *Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* consist of two cohorts of 15 fellows with 2-year terms; the first starting in the Fall 2011, the second starting in the Fall 2012;
- Each fellow receives an annual stipend of \$25,000 over a two-year term;
- Fellows can be based at any academic institution in the U.S. and will be selected through an open national competition;
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents in the U.S.;
- The application period for the first cohort opens in August, 2010 and applications are due in December, 2010.

Academic and policy mentors

Each fellow is required to identify an academic mentor to supervise the fellow's research, guide the fellow toward completion of the dissertation, and develop the fellow's skills in conducting effective policy research.

These fellowships have the potential to shape careers and build a community of scholars in a field that is gaining momentum across the country.

Francie Zimmerman, , consultant/program officer for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Child Abuse Prevention Program

Fellows will also be encouraged to identify a policy mentor to assist them in better understanding how to frame their research questions with an eye toward maximizing policy and practice relevance.

Chapin Hall is an independent policy research center whose mission is to build knowledge that improves policies and programs for children and youth, families, and their communities. Our multidisciplinary research encompasses the needs of all children and adolescents, and devotes special attention to those experiencing significant problems, such as maltreatment, poverty, delinquency, and mental and physical illness. For more information, visit www.chapinhall.org.

Learning network

A central feature of the *Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* is the development of an active, self-generating learning network among the fellows. Building on the interdisciplinary composition of each cohort of fellows, Chapin Hall will develop multiple opportunities for the fellows and their mentors to share their work and emerging trends within their respective disciplines. Each fellow is expected to be an active participant in this process.

More information

For a guide to the application process and requirements, as well as answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" and more information for potential mentors, please visit the Chapin Hall website:

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Please sign up for application reminders and periodic updates on our website. You may direct inquiries to Sylvie Bendier-Decety at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago at 773.256.5125 or sbendier@chapinhall.org

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and the prevention of child abuse, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties. The DDCF Child Abuse Prevention Program supports efforts that develop and strengthen prevention policies and best practices and integrate them into non-stigmatizing systems that routinely serve large numbers of families with young children. To learn more, visit www.ddcf.org/child-abuse-prevention.