



Society for Research in Child Development

SRCD Policy Fellowships 2010-2011

Application Deadline: December 15, 2009

The Society for Research in Child Development is seeking applications for the upcoming Policy Fellowships for 2010-2011. There are two types of Fellowships: ***Congressional*** and ***Executive Branch***. Both provide Fellows with exciting opportunities to come to Washington, DC and use their research skills in child development outside of the academic setting to inform and influence public policy. Fellows work as *resident scholars* within their federal agency or Congressional office placements. The *goals* of these fellowships are: (1) to contribute to the effective use of scientific knowledge in developing public policy, (2) to educate the scientific community about the development of public policy, and (3) to establish a more effective liaison between scientists and the federal policy-making mechanisms. The career stages of SRCD Fellows vary; some are early in their careers and some are more advanced. Further, their career paths following the Fellowship are diverse. Approximately half of SRCD Fellows begin or return to academia following their fellowship. Others continue to work at the interface of research and policy in both government and the private sector.

Fellowships are full-time immersion experiences and run from September 1st through August 31st. Following a two-week science policy orientation program sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), fellows receive an SRCD orientation to child development and public policy. The SRCD Office for Policy and Communications in Washington facilitates the Fellows' experience and is available as a resource throughout the year.

Application Requirements: Applicants must have a doctoral-level degree in any relevant discipline (e.g., Ph.D., M.D., J.D.), must demonstrate exceptional competence in an area of child development research, and must be a member of SRCD. ***Both early and mid-career professionals are encouraged to apply.***

More information about the Fellowships and application instructions are available online at www.srcd.org under the Policy and Communications tab, or call (202) 289-7903.