

## ROSENBLUM FELLOWSHIP FOR ADVOCACY TRAINING

The Massachusetts Psychological Association is inviting applications for the 2019-2020 Eleanor Rosenblum Fellowship in psychology and public policy. The Rosenblum Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to learn the processes by which public, social, and mental health policy are created. The program offers active participation in MPA advocacy on several levels both within and beyond the organization itself. By studying the interface between psychological knowledge and social issues, and by having direct experience with legislative, political and policy-making procedures, the Rosenblum Fellow will be in a position to take an active role in the future leadership of the profession of Psychology.

### Scope of Fellowship

The Rosenblum Fellowship will enable the candidate to observe and participate in the Association's governance process. To this end, the Fellow will attend Advocacy Committee meetings, join the Public Issue Review Committee (PIRC), and observe and participate in legislative hearings and lobbying activities. The Fellow will be invited to attend additional relevant committee meetings as time allows, determined by MPA. A primary responsibility of the Fellow will be to take an active role on the Association's PIRC by preparing statements on those public/social issues the committee approves to move forward with on behalf of the Association. The Fellow will also submit a year-end report describing his/her activities for the Association's newsletter.

### Terms of the Fellowship

The Fellowship will begin October 2019 and end May 2020 with a 5 hour per week commitment to the Fellowship. The Association will provide a stipend of \$1,500.

### Requirements for Candidacy

MPA encourages applications from candidates in marginalized and/or underrepresented groups. The application must:

- Be a doctoral or post-doctoral student in psychology
- Have a clear commitment to pursuing a professional career in psychology
- Demonstrate a serious interest in public policy

### The application should submit:

- Curriculum vita
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty instructors or psychologists attesting to the applicant's professional development, ethics and interest in the area of public policy
- Two-page, double-space statement of background experience and interest in the position

Application materials must be submitted to MPA by September 15, 2019 and should be directed to The Rosenblum Fellowship Committee, Massachusetts Psychological Association, 195 Worcester Street, Suite 303, Wellesley, MA 02481.

## **ROSENBLUM FELLOWSHIP TRAINING**

The goal of this fellowship is to learn about advocacy, legislative issues, and public policy as it relates to professional psychology. Therefore, the training is intended to give you information and knowledge based on these different areas. Suggested readings throughout the year will include but are not limited to the topic areas in: Psychology Licensing Law, Board of Registration Regulations, Parity law, Confidentiality Statutes (HIPAA), Medical Records Law, Management Care Reform law, Overview of Legislative Process, MPA Bylaws, Current bills and legislation which MPA is addressing, and Ethics Code. Below is an outline of the training:

### **Orientation and Goal Setting**

1-Meeting with MPA President regarding overview of MPA leadership, strategic plan, advocacy initiatives and goals for fellowship

2-Meeting with MPA Executive Director to review functioning of the MPA, governance, PIRC, areas of responsibility and projects

3-Attend other events and meetings as appropriate

### **Legislative & Advocacy**

1-Monthly meetings with MPA Director of Professional Affairs to review Advocacy Committee and review of legislative and regulatory issues relevant to MPA and practice of Psychology

2-Work with MPA lobbyists, as determined by MPA and lobbyists

3-Quarterly meet with chairs of the Advocacy Committee and/or Federal Advocacy Coordinator to discuss relevant and timely topics

4-Attend Advocacy Committee meetings

5-Serve on Public Issue Review Committee (PIRC) with specific role on committee of drafting/preparing statements on approved public/social policy issues on behalf of MPA

6-Attend Mental Health Coalition meetings with DPA, as time allows

### **Leadership Development**

1-Attend monthly MPA Board meetings as determined by MPA

2-Attend annual meeting of MPA

3-Assist with coordination of student initiatives and possible MPA Lobby Day