

Reproductive Justice Fellowships
Sponsored by the Carr Center for Reproductive Justice at NYU School of Law

The Carr Center for Reproductive Justice at NYU School of Law (CCRJ) was established in 2013 to conduct innovative research, provide legal services, promote dialogue and expand the academic discipline on reproductive justice issues. CCRJ's goal is to ensure justice and democracy for all. The Center's current activities include clinical legal work, funding fellowships, and sponsoring an annual conference in the field.

The original fellowship program has been operating since 2010. From 2010 through 2013, that Fellowship Program annually supported three one-year fellowships at reproductive justice and women's rights organizations. These included fellowships based at specific organizations, A Better Balance and the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, and a third "portable" fellowship which allowed a fellow to apply to do reproductive justice work with a host organization of the fellow's choice. In 2013, the Carr Center also added a clinical law teaching and research fellowship which supported a fellow working with the Carr Center with the Center's Reproductive Justice Clinic. Biographies of past and present Fellows are listed here: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/reproductivejustice/fellows>.

Starting in Fall 2014, the annual Carr Center fellowships are available to three new or recent graduates of NYU School of Law for work on reproductive justice in the United States with a host organization of the fellows' choice. The one-year fellowships will begin in September 2015.

The application deadline for two fellowships will be Monday, November 3, 2014 at 5 p.m. with expected selection by early December at the latest. The deadline for the third fellowship will be Monday, February 2 at 5 p.m. with expected selection by early March at the latest.

A list of organizations whose work is solely in the field of reproductive justice and that have expressed interest in possibly hosting a fellow is available [here](#). A list of organizations whose work is not solely in reproductive justice but which are interested in sponsoring a fellow doing reproductive justice projects is not yet available. Organizations not yet listed are encouraged to provide information to the Carr Center to add their name to this list so that interested applicants are aware of their interest. Applicants are also encouraged to apply with a proposed host organization that is not listed; in such cases, applicants and proposed host organizations should provide the information necessary to fully inform the Carr Center about the reproductive justice impact of the work they propose to do with the fellow.

Selection Process and Criteria

A committee of Carr Center leadership and invited colleagues will review applications, conduct interviews and select each Fellow.

Selection criteria include:

- Applicant's qualifications, including commitment to reproductive justice
- Quality of the work proposed to be done by the Fellow and its potential impact. If the fellow will be an additional staff attorney (rather than creating a project), the applicant should explain specifically how his or her work would add to the organization's reproductive justice work.
- Relevance of the proposed work to the applicant's career goals.

Application Information: Applications are due by 5 p.m. on the date of application deadline. Applications should be submitted to carrcenterrj@nyu.edu as one PDF file with the email subject “Carr Center Fellowship Application” containing the following materials:

1. Summary page with
 - a. Applicant’s name, address, email, and phone number
 - b. List of three references, with names and contact information
 - c. Host organization’s name and address
 - d. Contact person at host organization, with email and phone number
 - e. Statement of salary and benefit cost requested by host organization for the Fellow
 - f. Brief statement of work to be performed as Fellow (Suggested: 2-3 sentences)
2. Applicant’s Resume
3. Personal Statement setting forth i) the applicant’s career goals and how the fellowship will contribute to those goals, ii) how their work will add to the organizations ability to address reproductive justice issues; and iii) describe in in detail the applicant’s skills and knowledge, including relevant course work and prior experience (300-500 words).
4. Substantive Commitment Letter from the host organization describing (300-500 words):
 - a. The mission, current programs and staff of the organization (can be included in the letter, described in supplemental materials or provided by link to your website);
 - b. The legal work the Fellow would undertake at your organization;
 - c. Why the addition of this particular applicant to your organization would further reproductive justice;
 - d. The training and supervision that the Fellow will receive, including the name of the lawyer(s) who will supervise the Fellow and a brief description of his or her work experience; and
 - e. If the Fellow will represent clients, a description of the organization’s professional liability and malpractice insurance and a statement confirming the Fellow’s eligibility for coverage.
5. Copy of the 501(c)(3) determination letter granting your organization tax-exempt status.

Questions? Students/recent graduates please contact Sarah Hudson-Plush at sarah.hudsonplush@nyu.edu.

Organizational hosts/representatives please contact Professor Sarah E. Burns at sarah.burns@nyu.edu.