The Canadian Observatory Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program 2009-2010

The Canadian observatory post-doctoral fellowship program provides outstanding researchers one year fellowships, with the possibility of renewal, with the Canadian observatory on the justice system response to intimate partner violence (the Canadian observatory) at universities where co-investigators are located. Your program of research at the Canadian observatory may focus on one of the following broad themes: the interface between criminal and civil court; the effects of specialized justice/policy initiatives to address intimate partner violence; and the intersection of justice system response and distinct community issues.

Post-doctoral fellows play an important role in the work of researchers of the Canadian observatory.

Who can apply?
Post-doctoral fellows are open to researchers in a variety of disciplines (criminology, education, law, nursing, psychology, social work, sociology, women studies). They are intended to support research on the justice system response to intimate partner violence.

How are applications evaluated?
Selection and appointment of post-doctoral fellows is managed solely by the Canadian observatory, and participating institutions, and is based on a competitive process.

The intention of the Canadian Observatory Post-doctoral Fellowship program is to attract recently graduated scholars (within the past three years) of superior research ability to the Canadian observatory, and to provide the recipients with the opportunity to establish themselves as expert researchers on the justice system response to intimate partner violence.

What are the eligibility requirements?
To be eligible, post-doctoral fellowship applicants must meet certain criteria as of the deadline date of the year in which they apply. Post-doctoral fellowship applicants must have completed or received a PhD in a related discipline no more than three years before the application deadline or be expected to complete their PhD prior to taking up the post-doctoral fellow. If the applicant has not completed their PhD prior to the application deadline, evidence to confirm of the date of the defense must be provided by the applicant’s supervisor.

What funding is available?
Successful applicants will receive $31,500 annually for one year.
How do researchers apply?
To complete the application, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Indicate the grade of honours attained with all degrees you have received.
2. Note relevant employment experience, dates, employer, and position. If presently employed, state clearly whether this is a permanent position.
3. Provide two reference letters.
4. Arrange for official transcripts of your complete undergraduate and graduate records to be forwarded to the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, 678 Windsor Street, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3.
5. Please send a recent Curriculum Vitae and indicate co-authors, title, journal or publisher, and date of publications on your list of publications and presentations at conferences. **Do not send copies of publications.**
6. Please provide a research proposal (2 pages) including how your research relates to research activities of the Canadian Observatory.
7. Include a letter of support by the member of the Canadian Observatory with whom you wish to work.

When is the application deadline?
Application should be received by no later than May 1st 2009 to begin September 1st 2009. For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Blaney at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research at 506-458-7378 or at blaney@unb.ca