

## **Bixby Doctoral Fellowship in Population**

### *Call for Applications*

The Bixby Doctoral Fellowship supports UCLA/SPH doctoral students who specialize in demographic aspects of public health. The fellowship provides between \$5k and \$20k for one year (for fees, tuition and stipend) and is renewable for a second year (contingent on funding), if the fellowship holder demonstrates substantial progress toward completing a doctoral degree and meeting the fellowship requirements during the first year. *If you currently hold a Bixby Doctoral Fellowship and want to apply for a second year, please read the information on the bottom of this announcement.*

### **Requirements for Fellowship Awardees**

Bixby fellows are required to complete:

- At least two courses in population and reproductive health within or outside SPH. The recommended course is SOC 226A&B, but exceptions can be made through agreement with the Director of the Bixby Center (Dr. Anne Pebley)
- the basic demographic methods course (CHS M208/ BIOSTAT M208/ SOC M213A Introduction to Demographic Methods),
- a doctoral dissertation on a demographic topic

Bixby fellows should also plan to attend the seminar series sponsored by the California Center for Population Research (CCPR – website at [www.ccpr.ucla.edu](http://www.ccpr.ucla.edu)) on a regular basis. Students wishing to do so can obtain course credit for attending the seminar.

### **Demographic Aspects of Public Health**

Demographic aspects of health include: the determinants of fertility, family planning, reproductive health and contraceptive use; the determinants of infant, child, and adult mortality and health status; social, economic and environmental consequences of population growth and change; aging and consequences of age structure changes; the determinants and consequences of migration and refugee movements; internal migration and urbanization; consequences of social, economic, and environmental changes for the human population; demography of the family; marriage patterns and their consequences.

### **How to Apply**

**Applications for the fellowship for academic year 2010-2011 are due on or before Friday, May 14 by 5pm.** Send applications to Rachel Veerman at ([rveerman@ucla.edu](mailto:rveerman@ucla.edu)). **Make sure the subject line says: Bixby Doctoral Fellowship Application.** All SPH doctoral students are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to international students, and to those with a demonstrated interest in population and demography. We expect to award 1 or 2 fellowships for this coming academic year.

The application should be *brief* (2-3 pages) and should contain:

1. a statement of your background and career objectives,
2. a brief summary of your potential or actual dissertation topic (students who have just begun their doctoral program should list one or two demographic-related topics that they are considering for a dissertation),
3. a summary of academic progress (completion of course requirements and qualifying exams), minor field(s), completion of any courses in demography or population studies, and grade-point average to date,
4. a list of the members of your advisory or dissertation committee,
5. other sources of support you have or have had in the past for doctoral training, and
6. funding you already have for next year.

You should also ask two members of your advisory committee to send a *brief (one or two paragraphs)* letter of recommendation *via e-mail* to Dr. Anne Pebley at [pebley@ucla.edu](mailto:pebley@ucla.edu) by **Friday, May 14 by 5pm.**

Fellowship applicants will be notified via e-mail in early June.

### **For Current Bixby Fellows Who Wish to Apply for a Second Year:**

To be considered for a second year of support, you need to prepare a *brief* (2-3 page) application which should contain:

1. a description of the coursework, attendance at the CCPR seminar, and other activities related to the demographic aspects of public health and your degree completion that you have completed during the past year,
2. a statement of your career objectives and whether they have changed since last year,
3. a brief summary of your potential or actual dissertation topic (students who have just begun their doctoral program should list one or two demographic-related topics that they are considering for a dissertation),
4. a summary of academic progress over the past year (completion of course requirements and qualifying exams), minor field(s), completion of any courses in demography or population studies, and grade-point average to date,
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6. other sources of support you have or have had during the past year for doctoral training, and
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