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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN JUSTICE FELLOWSHIPS RETURN

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2009/2010 TERM

The Law Foundation of Ontario is very pleased to announce the return of the **Community Leadership in Justice Fellowships**. The LFO hopes to continue successfully partnering highly qualified individuals from public interest organizations with academic institutions.

We invite you to review the following criteria and submit your proposals:

PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIPS:

The purpose of the fellowships is to bring leaders from public interest organizations which interact with the justice system to Ontario universities, colleges, and law schools to spend a six month period (covering one academic term) in residence. The fellowship holder's responsibilities at the university, college or law school could vary. This might include undertaking research, teaching or co-teaching courses, or enriching the academic experience at the host institution.

A Fellowship might focus less on traditional academic contributions and more on mentorship, activism and leadership (through discussion groups, collaborative projects and advocacy, public lectures, developing networks between researchers and the public interest community). It is hoped the recipient will expose the host academic community to distinct and challenging perspectives on law and the justice system.

VALUE:

Up to 2 Awards covering the fellowship holder's salary over a six month period up to a maximum of \$50,000 for each award and a grant to the host organization of up to \$15,000 for equipment and program-related expenses. The Fellowship funds may be used flexibly. For example, the application may propose that a portion of the funds remain with the public interest organization in order to address organizational capacity issues which may result from the awarding of such a Fellowship to a key staff person, or the funds could be used to bring a recipient to a host academic institution for a 12 month period but on a half-time basis.

ELIGIBILITY:

Fellowship candidates must be active in public organizations dedicated to law reform, legal advocacy or the justice system. Candidates need not have a degree in law.

WHERE TENABLE:

One award is tenable at any law school in Ontario; a second award is tenable at any university or college in Ontario with a faculty, department or program dedicated to legal or justice studies (including but not limited to criminology, sociology, social work, political science, and law and society programs).

THE SELECTION:

The selection of the recipient of this fellowship will be based strictly on merit.

In assessing applications, the Committee will consider not only a fellowship candidate's leadership in the community and in justice related areas but also the extent to which the fellowship would have a transformative effect on legal education, legal research and/or law reform. The selection criteria would be a mixed assessment of the promise of the individual and the promise of the project/collaboration.

THE APPLICATION:

1. Applications must come jointly from the fellowship candidate and the host academic institution.
2. The application must include a letter of support from the public interest organization's Board Chair or Executive Director (if he or she is not the applicant) and the applicant's C.V.
3. The application should address the following in a one or two page summary:
 - A general outline of the nature, scope, and timelines of the Fellow's activities within the academic institution, and any resulting product;
 - How these activities will contribute to law reform, legal advocacy, and/or the justice system in a broad sense;
 - And more specifically, how these activities will contribute to and influence the work of:

(i) The fellow

How will the fellowship promote growth and development of the individual within an academic context, foster self-renewal and build bridges across disciplines for the benefit of the broader community?

(ii) The public interest organization

How will the fellowship strengthen the bond between the academic institution and the public interest organization resulting in ongoing partnerships to provide research opportunities, internships?

(iii) The academic institution

How will the fellowship enhance academia's understanding of issues facing public interest organizations and the broader community and promote a better alignment of academic and community agendas; broaden and enrich faculty and students' academic experience through innovative and facilitative approaches to teaching/learning?

4. The application must also include a detailed plan with respect to the administration of the fellowship monies, including a specific budget with respect to the salary component of up to \$50,000 and to the allocation of up to \$15,000 to the host academic institution for capital expenditures and out of pocket expenses necessary to host the Fellow.

Any other information deemed appropriate may be included.

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Applications are to be received in the offices of The Law Foundation of Ontario by **April 27, 2009**, in hard copy form (email and fax applications will not be accepted), marked "Private and Confidential", to:

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