

Application Deadline:
Must arrive before 5:00 PM
On February 22, 2008

NEIGHBORWORKS® AMERICA
&
THE JOINT CENTER FOR HOUSING STUDIES OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

**EMERGING LEADERS IN COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – SUMMER 2008**

Two of the country's leading institutions committed to healthy, vital communities – the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University – offer this competitive summer fellowship program as an unique blend of academics and field experience. Designed for mature, forward-thinking Harvard students in law, business, planning and public administration/policy, this program provides an opportunity to learn, to explore, and to make a difference.

THE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT IS:

PRACTICAL. You will gain exposure to the real-life connections between financial services institutions; local, state and federal government; and resident and broader community involvement. You will collaborate with various levels of NeighborWorks® America.

EDUCATIONAL. Expand your knowledge in professional fields by developing cost-effective analyses while getting a chance to delve into the field of community and economic development. You will be matched with analytical projects and advised by staff of the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

STIMULATING. In addition to interacting throughout the summer fellowship with experts in the field of housing and community development, you will also have an opportunity to attend a weeklong NeighborWorks® America Training Institute. The Institute is the premier training event for community-based development, drawing over 700 practitioners from government, business and nonprofit institutions five times each year.

REWARDING. You will learn. You will gain practical experience. And you will have the chance to contribute to the health of communities across the country. Your project will also contribute to a legacy of direct assistance to the focus communities and an enhanced knowledge base in the field. Your efforts will contribute to improved operations in housing and community and economic development systems around the country. You will develop relationships with some of the top practitioners and policy makers in community development today.

OVERVIEW & APPLICATION PROCESS

Program Objectives

- Attract qualified students from Harvard's graduate-level professional programs to the community and economic development fields
- Introduce the NeighborWorks® Network to future leaders in law, business and government
- Accomplish high-quality, short-term, analytical projects

Qualified Candidates and Expectations

- Harvard students not in their graduating year in law, business, economics, planning or public policy, administration, and education programs
- Should have commitment to and knowledge of the community and economic development fields
- Must be entrepreneurial and committed to co-developing, leading and completing a minimum 10-week analytical project (full-time)

Benefits to Fellows

1. \$8,000 compensation, plus travel and research expenses
2. Enrollment in the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute with all expenses paid – tuition, travel/lodging and related expenses
3. Project mentoring by faculty of the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University
4. Potential for publication of project as part of Joint Center Working Paper Series
5. Opportunity to present findings in Washington, D.C., at a Policy Briefing arranged by the Joint Center with key policy makers and practitioners
6. 10 weeks use of office space at NeighborWorks® America

Application Process

Please answer the following three questions in a cover letter:

1. How have your past professional and educational experiences prepared you for this fellowship opportunity?
2. What interests you most about this opportunity and what do you hope to learn?
3. Why does the field of community and economic development interest you?

References: Please provide two letters of reference. We suggest one from a faculty member and one from a professional affiliate in the community or economic development field.

Enclose a resume: with current address, phone and e-mail address.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on February 22, 2008 to:

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E-mail or faxed responses will be accepted.

Questions may be directed to the Center's Program Coordinator, Elizabeth England, at 617-495-7640 or at Elizabeth_England@harvard.edu

Program Sponsors

The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University analyzes the ways in which housing policy and practices are shaped by economic and demographic trends and provides leaders in government, business and the nonprofit sector with knowledge and tools for formulating effective policies and strategies. Established in 1959, the Joint Center is a collaborative unit affiliated with the Harvard Design School and the Kennedy School of Government. The Center's programs of research, education and public outreach inform debate on critical housing issues and illuminate the role of housing in shaping communities. For more information, see: www.jchs.harvard.edu

NeighborWorks America provides financial support, technical assistance and training for communities across the nation, including the NeighborWorks network – a nationwide network of more than 240 community development organizations working in more than 2,700 urban, suburban and rural communities across America. These organizations engage in revitalization strategies that strengthen communities and transform lives. In the last five years alone, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$8.5 billion in reinvestment and helped more than 500,000 families of modest means purchase or improve their homes or secure safe, decent rental or mutual housing.