

**The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and  
Bioethics at Harvard Law School  
Seeks Distinguished Candidates for the  
2012-2014 Academic Fellowship Program**

**PURPOSE:** The Petrie-Flom Center is an interdisciplinary research program at Harvard Law School dedicated to scholarly research at the intersection of law and health policy, including issues of health care financing and market regulation, biomedical research and bioethics. The Academic Fellowship is a postdoctoral program specifically designed to identify, cultivate and promote promising scholars early in their careers. Fellows are selected from among recent graduates, young academics and mid-career practitioners who are committed to spending two years at the Center pursuing publishable research that is likely to make a significant contribution to the field of health law policy, medical innovation policy or bioethics. Our prior fellows have found employment as law professors at Harvard, UC Berkeley, BU, UCLA, Cornell and the University of Arizona. More information on the Center can be found at <http://www.law.harvard.edu/programs/petrie-flom/>

**PROGRAM:** Petrie-Flom fellowships are full-time two-year residential appointments starting in the summer of 2012. Fellows devote their full time to scholarly activities in furtherance of their individual research agendas. The Center does not impose teaching obligations on fellows, though in appropriate cases voluntary teaching opportunities may be made available. In addition to pursuing their research and writing, fellows are expected to attend and participate in research workshops on health law, bioethics, and biotechnology, and other events designated by the Center. Fellows are also expected to help plan and execute a small number of events in their field of expertise during their tenure, and to present their research in at least one of a variety of forums, including academic seminars, speaker panels, or conferences. Finally, the Center also relies on fellows to provide opportunities for interested students to consult with them about their areas of research, and to directly mentor our Student Fellows.

**STIPEND AND BENEFITS:** Fellows have access to the full range of resources offered by Harvard University. The Center provides each fellow with a private office, a research budget, and a stipend of \$60,000 per full year.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must hold an advanced degree in a discipline that they intend to apply to issues relating to health law policy, biomedical research or bioethics. The Center particularly encourages applications from those who intend to pursue careers as law professors, but will consider any applicant who demonstrates an interest and ability to produce outstanding scholarship at the intersection of law and health policy, bioethics, or biotechnology during the term of the fellowship. Applicants will be evaluated by the quality and probable significance of their research proposals, and by their record of academic and professional achievement.

**APPLICATION:** Applications will be accepted starting September 1, 2011. Completed applications must be received at [petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu) by 9:00 a.m. on **November 14, 2011**. Please note that ALL application materials must be submitted electronically, and should include:

1. **Curriculum Vitae**

2. **PDFs of all transcripts** from all post-secondary schools attended.

3. **A Research Proposal** of no more than 2,000 words describing the applicant's area of research and writing plans. Research proposals should focus less on describing an interesting topic than on demonstrating that the applicant has an interesting and original idea about the topic that seems sufficiently promising to develop further.

4. **A writing sample** that demonstrates the applicant's writing and analytical abilities and ability to generate interesting, original ideas. This can be a draft rather than a publication. Applicants who already have publications may also submit PDF copies of up to two additional published writings.

5. **Three letters of recommendation**, emailed directly from the recommender. Letter writers should be asked to comment not only on the applicant's writing and analytical ability, but on their ability to generate new ideas and their commitment to pursue that intellectual enterprise in this area. To the extent feasible, letter writers should provide not just qualitative assessments but also ordinal rankings. For example, rather than just saying a candidate is "great," it would be useful to have a statement about whether the candidate is (the greatest, in the top three, among the top 10%, etc.) among some defined set of persons (students they have had, people they have worked with, etc.).

All application materials with the exception of letters of recommendation should be e-mailed by the applicant to:  
[petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu](mailto:petrie-flom@law.harvard.edu)

Letters of Recommendation should be emailed directly from the recommender to the same address.

For questions or additional information, contact:  
Katherine Paras, Administrative Director  
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*The Petrie-Flom Center will be closed for Summer Recess from July 11 until July 22. Inquires pertaining to the application process will be responded to in a timely manner when our normal business hours resume on July 25<sup>th</sup>.*