



# Charlotte Ellertson

## Social Science Postdoctoral Fellowship in Abortion and Reproductive Health

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Ibis Reproductive Health invites social science and public health researchers to apply for a two-year postdoctoral research and leadership training fellowship in abortion and reproductive health. The objectives of the fellowship are to:

- support a multidisciplinary cohort of promising new social science researchers who study abortion and reproductive health, and
- produce and share research that informs policy and program design in abortion and reproductive health.

We seek applicants who are committed to abortion scholarship and careers that include a focus on abortion research and advocacy.

### *Fellowship Description*

The fellowship includes independent and collaborative research, as well as work with advocacy organizations.

Each fellow works intensively with a mentor on her/his specific research projects. A fellowship site director provides general guidance and orientation to the fellowship site. Fellows work with their mentors to:

- design research protocols
- conduct a significant research project
- submit manuscripts or book proposals for publication
- give presentations and/or seminars
- submit funding proposals
- participate in skills-building seminars (e.g., media and communications, fundraising, the policy process) and annual meetings
- visit clinics and hospitals to observe abortion and reproductive health care services
- collaborate with and lend expertise to reproductive health and rights advocacy organizations
- develop professional networks of researchers, advocates and clinicians

Each fellow receives an annual stipend between \$50,000 and \$55,000 (depending on the site), health benefits, and educational loan repayment assistance. Fellows may also apply for up to \$15,000 per year to support individual research projects.

### *Fellowship Sites*

For the 2008-2010 fellowship cohort, five fellows will be chosen, one based at each of the following sites:

- **Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health** at Columbia University, New York, NY
  - **Gutmacher Institute**, New York, NY
  - **Ibis Reproductive Health**, Cambridge, MA
  - **Population, Family and Reproductive Health Department** and the **Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
  - **Bixby Center for Reproductive Health Research & Policy** at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), San Francisco, CA
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## *Eligibility*

The fellowship is open to US and international researchers who have received their doctorate (PhD, DPhil, DPH, DSc, or an equivalent social science degree) within the past five years and not later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Researchers in all social science fields including anthropology, area studies, economics, demography, epidemiology, political science, psychology, public health, public policy, sociology, and women's studies are eligible to apply.

Selection will be based on:

- research experience and interests
- commitment to rigorous and policy-relevant abortion research
- match between the research interests of the fellow, fellowship site, and potential mentors
- demonstrated interest in public policy

Applications from minority candidates are particularly encouraged.

## *Application & Timeline*

Applicants must submit their application online by **11:59 p.m. PST, Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007** at [www.ibisreproductivehealth.org/projects/fellowship](http://www.ibisreproductivehealth.org/projects/fellowship) with the following attachments:

- cover letter including description of research interests and proposed project(s) to be undertaken over the course of the fellowship (one to three pages)
- curriculum vitae
- writing sample (published or unpublished)
- contact information for three references

Applicants must also arrange to have three reference letters sent to the attention of the fellowship director, Sarah Holcombe. These letters *must* arrive by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> on letterhead with electronic signature by email to [fellowship@ibisreproductivehealth.org](mailto:fellowship@ibisreproductivehealth.org), or by mail to:

Charlotte Ellertson Postdoctoral Fellowship  
c/o Bixby Center, UCSF  
3333 California Street, Suite 335, Box 0744  
San Francisco, CA 94143-0744  
(use 94118 for FedEx or UPS)

Applicants will indicate the fellowship site(s) to which they are applying in their online application and should be prepared to relocate to the site's location if selected. Interviews with finalists will take place in December and January, and fellowship awards will be announced by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fellowships begin no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and are for two years, with the second year contingent upon successful completion of the first.

For more information about the fellowship:

- check [www.ibisreproductivehealth.org/projects/fellowship](http://www.ibisreproductivehealth.org/projects/fellowship)
- email the fellowship assistant at [fellowship@ibisreproductivehealth.org](mailto:fellowship@ibisreproductivehealth.org)

