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If you want to develop superior clinical skills and become a leader in national or international family planning, the Family Planning Fellowship will give you comprehensive training and connect you to an established network of family planning leaders.

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“The fellowship has allowed me to secure a great position as a family planning specialist at an excellent academic medical center, which is just what I want to do. The fellowship gave me the credibility I needed to get the department to take the leap of faith on a new type of specialist.”

—Stephanie Teal, MD, MPH, Columbia University ('03)

Academic leadership

The majority of graduated Family Planning fellows hold academic positions in departments of obstetrics and gynecology across the United States and Canada.

Bringing their unique clinical and research expertise in family planning to academic departments, fellows are ideally suited to start new Fellowships in Family Planning and new Kenneth J. Ryan Residency Training Programs.

Research

Working with leading researchers and clinicians, fellows conduct social and physiologic research on aspects of contraception and abortion techniques.

During their fellowship, fellows have the opportunity to do a one-month rotation with the Population Council to learn about contraceptive development, from bench research to introduction of the contraceptive.

Fellows present their research at national conferences and clinical meetings, and publish their research in leading peer-reviewed journals.

International leadership

Fellows complete an international placement, typically between one and three months, to learn about family planning, abortion, and reproductive health in less-developed nations.

As a result of these placements, fellows have worked as reproductive health advisors and clinicians in South East Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Central and South America.

The international training can lead to international opportunities post-fellowship, including consultancies or permanent positions at NGOs or GOs, such as the World

Health Organization and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Public policy and advocacy

Annual workshops and training addressing current public affairs and policy topics provide fellows with the knowledge and skills to be effective participants and leaders in establishing policy.

Relationships with ACOG and Physicians for Reproductive Health (PRH) have created opportunities for fellows to develop advocacy and leadership skills.

Elective rotations with the Population Council and Guttmacher Institute have been established for fellows to gain experience in policy and development.

Networking

The Fellowship connects current and former fellows to a rapidly expanding network of family planning experts.

The Annual Meeting brings together Fellowship directors, current and former fellows, and other experts for a clinical and research symposium—as well as to celebrate the accomplishments of the Fellowship.

Workshops sponsored through the fellowship provide training in business and other practical skills for post-fellowship positions and international family planning endeavors.

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The Fellowship in Family Planning listserv and newsletter facilitate communication among fellows.

Post-fellowship opportunities

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in collaboration with Emory University, offers a post-doctoral Family Planning Fellowship position.

Fellows from the 2018 graduating class accepted positions at:

- Brown University
- Cedars Sinai Medical Center
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Cooper University
- Hartford Hospital
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Mount Sinai Medical Center
- Oregon Health and Science University
- Planned Parenthood Greater Memphis Region
- Planned Parenthood Greater Texas
- Rush University
- Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
- San Francisco General Hospital
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado
- University of Maryland
- University of Texas
- University of Washington
- World Health Organization