

LAW AND POLICY FELLOW

Start date: Flexible (immediate hire through fall 2018/emerging graduates)

The Poverty & Race Research Action Council is seeking a recent or emerging law school graduate who is committed to civil rights and who is interested in engaging in federal, state, and local policy advocacy, detailed regulatory analysis, and public education and field outreach. This position will primarily involve fair housing work, with additional projects in education and environmental justice policy according to interest and need.

The Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) is a non-profit civil rights law and policy organization based in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1989 by major national civil rights and poverty law organizations, PRRAC's primary mission is to help connect advocates with social scientists working on race and poverty issues, and to develop innovative approaches to structural inequality issues. In addition to national-level law and policy research and advocacy, we engage in local technical assistance and advocacy support in a number of areas throughout the country. At the present time, PRRAC's work is focused in the areas of housing, education, and environmental health, with a particular emphasis on the continuing consequences of historical patterns of housing segregation and development. Our housing work includes research and advocacy on the racial impacts of housing policy, and development of effective desegregation strategies. Our education work focuses on the racial impacts of federal education policy, with particular attention to the impact of poverty concentration and racial isolation on school outcomes for low income children (see www.school-diversity.org). Our health related work addresses social and environmental determinants of health, with a focus on environmental justice.

The incoming fellow will staff our technical assistance and public education efforts relating to fair housing in partnership with local groups in several communities throughout the country (specific locations to be determined). This may involve the development of intersectional advocacy on education and/or environmental justice issues. The fellow will also engage in federal-level advocacy to preserve and advance civil rights protections, with a focus on structural discrimination and racial integration, in coordination with other civil rights groups.

The ideal candidate for the Law & Policy Fellow position would have excellent research and writing skills, a strong interest in policy analysis and formation, and a demonstrated commitment to civil rights and poverty alleviation. Prior work with low income communities of color, and some background in housing law and policy, poverty law, or other areas of civil rights law is preferred. A law degree at the time of employment is required. The position would be primarily supervised by PRRAC's Director of Housing Policy, Megan Haberle, and Executive Director, Philip Tegeler. The Fellow will receive a salary of \$55,000/year, with standard benefits. To apply, please send a resume, brief statement of interest, three references, and two writing samples to mhaberle@prrac.org. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.