

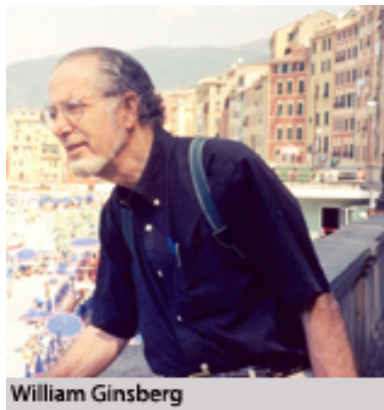
William R. Ginsberg Fellowship Application



Citizens Housing and Planning Council

The William R. Ginsberg Fellowships

William R. Ginsberg served on the board of CHPC for more than four decades. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of NYC's civic life, the built environment and the preservation of open space. With his inter-disciplinary expertise, as a pioneering environmental lawyer and NYC Parks Commissioner, he always emphasized his role as teacher and mentor. The Fellowship program is supported by a generous gift from William R. Ginsberg and his family.



- Graduate Fellowship
- Practitioner Fellowship
- Visiting Fellowship

The William R. Ginsberg Fellowships are designed to: encourage and support careers in public service; establish strong links between experienced leaders in the field and a new generation of housing and planning professionals; promote active civic engagement; advance practical research and creative thinking about New York City's built environment; and to work to improve the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. Each Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to work on cutting edge research for an organization that has played a prominent role in shaping public policy in New York City since 1937.

The Fellowships provide support for original research, and the opportunity to explore new ideas with our experienced staff. Research areas tend to focus on **housing, the urban environment and open space, geography, real estate finance, transportation, land use and zoning, public economics, or community development.**

Why apply for a CHPC Fellowship?

- **Influential history**

CHPC has been an influential voice in New York's housing and planning industry since 1937. Our unique role derives from our highly experienced staff and our large board of leading industry practitioners who shape the practical, non-political focus of our work.

- **Career support and networking**

CHPC staff and board members are committed to supporting the career prospects of our Fellows. We work hard to connect current and former Fellows with practitioners throughout the housing and planning industry and we focus on developing Fellows' own interests and strengths to enrich their options for long-term careers. We encourage those who successfully complete their Fellowship to remain involved with CHPC.

- **New skills and experience**

The Fellowships at CHPC are designed so that practical research and analytical skills are gained and developed. Our large board provides the opportunity to craft presentations and publications that reach a wide and influential audience. We are also continually exploring new, more effective ways to deliver our innovative work. Therefore, a key focus of the Fellowships is to learn cutting-edge methods of communicating research and analytical work.



Summer 2007 Graduate Fellow, Denali Dasgupta, presents her work on population and housing in NYC to a panel of Housing Authority Directors from across the country at Goldman Sachs' global headquarters

- **Unique resources and access to information**

The Fellowships offer unfettered access to CHPC's unique archival library, that enhances research and bring context to New York City's current housing and planning issues. There is also full access to up-to-the-minute New York City housing and planning data and legislative debates as they occur. CHPC staff have extensive knowledge, skills and experience in the industry and the Fellowships are designed to share this as much as possible.

■ Graduate Fellowship

The Graduate Fellowship is for current graduate students or those recently graduated from Masters Programs in public policy, urban planning, environmental studies, geography, architecture, urban design, economics, real estate finance, business, or other related subjects.

The Fellowship is available for fall, spring, or summer semesters with the possibility of extending the initial term. Thanks to a generous gift from William R. Ginsberg and his family, a stipend will be provided.

We are looking for candidates with the following qualities:

- **Enthusiasm for public policy and public service, especially in relation to housing and urban planning**
- **Initiative**
- **Ability to think creatively**
- **Proven research and analytical skills**
- **Candidates with statistical analysis, mapping, and other multi-media skills are highly encouraged to apply**

■ Practitioner Fellowship

The Practitioner Fellowship provides an opportunity for original research and the development of new ideas by experienced practitioners and policy makers. The Fellowship term is determined by the scale of the project—typically between two months and one year. CHPC staff will work with the selected applicant to finalize research designs and obtain funding for professional sabbaticals.

Practitioners with experience in government, law, academia, or the non-profit sector are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be evaluated on their experience, contributions to their field, and the quality of their proposed research topic. Preferred topics will be innovative, draw on practical experience, and result in specific recommendations that seek to improve housing, land use planning, the urban environment, or community development.



■ Visiting Fellowship



Summer 2008 Visiting
Fellow, Saadia
Chowdhury

The Visiting Fellowship is for foreign practitioners or researchers from outside New York City. This Fellowship provides exposure to our experienced staff, as well as practitioners from around New York City, to enhance existing research and analytical skills, and to offer insight into housing and planning in New York City.

Due to visa restrictions, no stipend will be provided for international practitioners and researchers, but we welcome experienced applicants on a **volunteer basis** under the 90-day visa waiver program. If you have INS approval to work in the US, or US citizenship, we will consider a stipend based on the same criteria as the Graduate or Practitioner Fellowship.

Application Instructions

Email the following documents to <mailto:swatson@chpcny.org> or mail to CHPC at 42 Broadway, Suite 2010 NY, NY 10004 or fax to 212-286-9214.

1. Attach a cover letter (**no more than one page**) which sets out: which Fellowship that you would like to apply for; a brief discussion about why you are interested in the position and the ideal timetable for your Fellowship.
2. Attach a short CV, resume, or bio that includes past/current academic studies and professional accomplishments.
3. Review the topics that CHPC are currently focusing on in the '**Our Work**' section on our [website](#). Based on these topics, compose a research question that you would be interested in exploring and write a brief proposal (**no more than one page**) of how you would attempt to answer that question.

(Note: This is an example of your writing and ideas and will not necessarily reflect the actual topics you will work on for CHPC.)

For the Senior Practitioner Fellowship, please feel free to use your own topic.