

John B. Pickett Fellowships in Criminal Justice Policy and Management

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) announces fellowships in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for two separate programs: 1) a 1-year Master's in Public Administration Program and 2) a 3-week Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government.

NIJ is the research and development agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. It sponsors research into promising methods of controlling crime and improving the criminal justice system and evaluates programs to determine what works and why.

The fellowship program was established in memory of John B. Pickett, the first Director of Planning and Management at the National Institute of Justice. During his 20-year career at NIJ, Mr. Pickett made many significant contributions to the administration of criminal justice. He was instrumental in establishing the Executive Session on Policing at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and helped develop the management and administrative policies of the State Justice Institute, where he served as Acting Director on assignment from NIJ. He was the recipient of Justice Department outstanding performance and special achievement awards and a 1978 presidential certificate of appreciation. He died in 1990.

Pickett Fellowship applicants for both programs must demonstrate the qualities of integrity, professionalism, and dedication to public service exemplified in John Pickett's character and distinguished career and must have the motivation and values to lead in their fields and to meet society's need for excellence in government.

Mid-Career MPA Program

This fellowship will provide full or partial tuition for a student pursuing a 1-year Master's Degree in Public Administration. The fellowship is for experienced mid-career professionals working in public service who seek to expand their knowledge of criminal justice policy and management.

Eligibility requirements: Applicants must have an outstanding academic and professional record and be enrolled in or admitted to the Kennedy School of Government. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admission to this program. Fellowship applicants also should have at least 7 years of experience in law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, courts, or other criminal justice professions. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to continue in the field of criminal justice policy and management, although not necessarily in their current capacity.

Award amount and application procedure: The fellowship will cover some or all of the cost of tuition for the 1-year Master's Degree in Public Administration. Applicants

must submit a statement of proposed graduate study and career plans, a detailed resume, and three letters of reference. For further information about the fellowship, contact Dr. Brenda White, Associate Dean for Enrollment Services, at 617-495-1153, at Brenda.White@harvard.edu, or at the following address: Mid-Career Admissions, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 8, 1998.

Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government

This program offers an intensive 3 weeks of executive education for senior-level executives in all government functions from State, county, and municipal government and their elected counterparts. Recent participants have included a State cabinet secretary, a city manager from a mid-size city, and a governmental affairs officer from a major corporation, as well as police chiefs and other criminal justice officials. It is designed to prepare participants for increased responsibilities and stimulate interest in new management ideas and techniques.

Eligibility requirements: Pickett Fellowship applicants for this program must be senior-level criminal justice executives; some preference will be given to police. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that their organizations are committed to community-oriented policies and procedures and that the applicant has had a significant role in designing or implementing the strategy. Examples of recent Pickett Fellows include a major city police chief and a local prosecutor.

Award amount and application procedure: The fellowship will provide partial cost of tuition, lodging, meals, and instructional materials for the 3-week session. Applicants or their agencies must contribute at least \$1,000 of the total cost. Applicants may request one of two sessions: July 7 to 26, 1998, or July 5 to 24, 1998. When requesting an application, please indicate intention to apply for a Pickett Fellowship.

All Pickett Fellowship applicants must submit with their application a statement, of no more than 3 pages, that demonstrates a tangible commitment by their agency to a community-oriented strategy, policies, or procedures. The statement should also include evidence of the applicant's role in this community-oriented approach.

For further information, contact Persis Whitehouse, Associate Director, Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, at 617-496-4305, at Persis.Whitehouse@harvard.edu, or at the following address: Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 20, 1998