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Family Process Institute (FPI)

New Writers Fellowship Call

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2027

The Family Process Institute (FPI) is accepting applications for the 2027 New Writers Fellowship. The fellowship supports the development of new scholars who will advance systemic theory, research, and practice grounded in a commitment to social justice. Fellows will participate in a writing workshop, *The Craft of Scholarly Writing*, taught by *former editor of Family Process, Jay Lebow, Ph.D., ABPP, LMFT, who has written or edited 15 books and over 150 articles and book chapters about couple and family therapy.* He is Senior Scholar and Senior Therapist at the Family Institute at Northwestern and Clinical Professor at Northwestern University and *is internationally recognized as a consultant about publication about couple and family therapy and, more broadly, family science.* The purpose of the workshop is to help participants shape a developing manuscript for submission to Family Process or other journals. Participants will receive both individual feedback on their work from Dr. Lebow and small group consultation. Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet the Family Process Institute Board of Directors.

FPI Vision Statement:

Family Process Institute is an independent, multidisciplinary, transnational organization dedicated to developing and exchanging new theory, research, applied practice, and policy related to families and other systems. Grounded in a commitment to social justice, Family Process Institute aims to be an independent voice for scholarly work in the field and to shape future directions for research and practice.

FPI Mission Statement:

- We oversee the journal, Family Process, and ensure the coordination of the operations between Family Process and our publishing partner, Wiley/Blackwell
- Family Process Institute develops and implements initiatives integrated with and separate from the Journal that promote the field of systemic theory, practice, research, and advocacy through:
 - Dissemination of knowledge regarding theory, practice, and research
 - Dissemination of training
 - Career development for young practitioners and scholars
 - Collaboration with professional organizations that promote and advocate for family and systems theory and practice
 - Active promotion of a systemic approach to social justice issues



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The fellowship includes full tuition, two nights of hotel accommodation, and a \$500 stipend that may be used toward travel expenses for the in-person workshop, which will be held in Evanston, Illinois. Additional details will be provided for the awardees. Six fellowships are awarded each year. To participate in the workshop, fellows must submit a complete draft of their article to Dr. Lebow no later than eight weeks prior to the workshop. Manuscript guidelines will be provided in advance.

New writers from any discipline whose scholarly interests focus on families and systems may apply. Eligible applicants include (a) PhD students, (b) those who have earned their degree within the past five years and been the first author on no more than four articles, and (c) persons who have been working in the field for some time but are new to writing. Women and members of minoritized groups are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to papers that promote social justice as a systemic issue.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- A **700-1000 word essay** that includes (a) the focus and purpose of the article that you intend to write, (b) the potential of your scholarship to advance systemic theory, research, and practice grounded in a commitment to social justice, (c) current status of the project, (d) how your background and resources enable completion of the article, (e) specifically how you hope the workshop will improve your writing, and (f) your mentorship plans or needs following the workshop. Persons whose degree was earned more than five years ago should explain why they are now taking up writing.
 - Current CV
- Applications are due by **January 15, 2027**.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RATED ON:

- quality of the essay, including writing quality, grammar and APA style (10%)
- innovation & creativity that advances systemic scholarship (20%)
- potential contribution to Family Process Institute mission (see below) (25%)
- potential for essay topic to contribute to field/get published (25%)
- social justice component (20%)

The selection committee strives to achieve balance of disciplines, areas of interest, and social locations among the workshop participants.

Applications may be submitted on the FPI website:

<https://www.familyprocess.org/new-writers-program/>

Please submit essay and CV as a single .pdf document incomplete submissions will not be considered.