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RESEARCH CENTRE OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is offering fellowships to young professionals and graduate students from the Caribbean and Latin America.

Two fellowships will be available in 1986, applications for which must reach ICRW by November 1, 1985.

The fellowship programme aims to train participants in the use of social science research for the development of effective policies and programmes, to increase the economic participation of poor women in developing countries.

ICRW will share with participants a cross-cultural and multidisciplinary perspective on Third World issues and their relation to low-income women and their families.

Fellows will work on an individual research project in the field of women in development, and participate in ongoing activities at ICRW. Candidates must therefore submit a brief statement of the project they plan to undertake while in residence at the Center.

Applications are invited from individuals with formal backgrounds in the social sciences, economics, education, urban planning, and public health. Candidates must also be actively affiliated with an institution to which they will return on completion of the programme.

Candidates should be citizens of Caribbean or Latin American countries, who are working or studying in the region or studying in the U.S. Demonstration of an active interest in the area of women and development, and proficiency in the English language, are required.

Fellowships are granted for approximately three months.

Application forms are available from: The Director, Fellows Program,

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International Center for Research on Women, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Suite 501, Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.

Final selection of fellows will be announced on January 2, 1986.

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STATE OF THE WORLD'S WOMEN

Despite modest progress over the Decade, women are still grossly underprivileged in terms of income, health, education and power - according to a recently released survey on women.

The survey, carried out by Ruth Leger Sivard, finds that politics plays a central role in determining women's status and share in the benefits of development, yet women are more underrepresented here than in any other sphere.

Women still do not have the vote in several Arab countries. Elsewhere, they make up half the electorate, yet in developed countries they occupy only 16 per cent of the seats in the national legislatures and only seven per cent of posts in cabinet.

In developing countries they hold only seven per cent of parliamentary seats and six per cent of cabinet posts. In Communist developing countries, reports the survey, women's share of legislature seats is larger - 20 - 23 per cent - but their share in the top power positions ranges from two per cent to eight per cent.

Poverty is also a predominantly feminine problem, says the survey, with open unemployment rates 50 per cent higher among women in developing countries than for men, in 1980.

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DOWRY DEATHS ON THE RISE

More than 1,000 Indian women have died in 'dowry deaths' over the past three years.

This figure was disclosed in the Indian Parliament by Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ram Dulari Sinha.

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Dowry deaths involve the suicide or murder of a wife whose dowry is thought insufficient by her in-laws. Dowries have been illegal in India since 1961, but the custom is still widely practised especially among Hindu families in the north of the country.

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EASIER WORK LOAD FOR WOMEN

The All-China Women's Federation plans to relieve women from heavy manual tasks such as loading and construction. These jobs have been observed to be unsuited to women.

The Federation said that women are often burdened with excessive work. One survey showed that women spend on the average 5.2 hours a day on family duties, while men spend only 3.9 hours.

Currently, of China's work force 42 million are women, comprising 32.8 per cent of China's total scientific and technical personnel, 40 per cent of all electronics workers, and 26.2 per cent of college students.

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POLICE PROTECTION FOR WOMEN

In London, the King's Cross Women's Centre has won its fight for 24 hour police protection, after being threatened with murder and arson by the Secret Organization for National Recovery.

Police had refused to provide protection, stating the threatening letter was probably the work of a crank and that they didn't have enough officers.

Protection for 10 days was provided, following picketing, group organization, and support from other groups for the Women's Centre..

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