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## **JHU to Host Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

**T**HE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY Center for Social Organization of Schools (the Hopkins host for CRESPAR), in partnership with the Department of Sociology, has been awarded a Research Group Fellowship Program by the Spencer Foundation. Three postdoctoral fellows under this sponsorship will come to JHU in 2001, and another three in 2002, to work on CRESPAR and related research and development on improving education for students at risk. Each postdoctoral appointment is expected to last two years.

**The Research Group Fellowship Program** was awarded competitively, after Hopkins and other universities and research centers undertook six-month research and planning processes for the program. Karl Alexander of Sociology and James McPartland of CSOS will direct the fellowships. In addition to these individuals, the research and proposal effort was undertaken by Geoffrey Borman, Robert Cooper, Marc Cutright, Joyce Epstein, Will Jordan, Elizabeth Kemper, Edward McDill, and Stephen Plank.

Fellows will be drawn from a variety of social science disciplines, and are required to be within five years of the awarding of their terminal degree. In addition to a salary, fellowship benefits include research and conference funds, among other support.

The proposal that won Spencer Foundation support proposed a twenty-point model for postdoctoral sponsorship and the expected outcomes of the experience. Research that supported the proposal included visits to exemplary social-science postdoctoral programs around the country. □