

Opportunity Title: HHS COVID-19 Best Practices Fellowship

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Organization U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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- An application
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- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete, and will not be reviewed until one recommendation is submitted.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

Application Deadline 8/21/2021 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description ***Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.**

HHS Office and Location: Two fellowship opportunities are currently available with Office of Science and Data Policy within the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) located in Washington, DC.

Research Project: ASPE advises the HHS Secretary on policy development, leads special initiatives, coordinates the Department's evaluation, research and demonstration activities, and manages cross-Department planning activities such as strategic planning, legislative planning, and review of regulations.

The selected fellow would be mentored by a team of policy, public health, and economic experts who focus on biomedical science and public health policies, including federal efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future pandemics and public health emergencies. The fellow would have the opportunity to conduct policy research and participate in qualitative analytic projects to identify, describe, and disseminate information on best practices in COVID-19 vaccination and testing, especially in underserved communities and communities of color. The fellow may also be involved in efforts to identify broader lessons learned as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response. In addition to direct mentorship by the ASPE team, the fellow would have the opportunity to collaborate with a broad set of federal and non-federal stakeholders and would develop skills in policy and program analysis and research.

Learning Objectives:

- Developing (if necessary) and maintaining subject matter experience on issues relevant to biomedical science and public health policy in order to provide review and analysis of related topic areas for the annual HHS



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budget and legislative development process, as well as reviewing and analyzing relevant regulations, legislation, executive directives, reports, and other documents for policy implications and alignment with HHS priorities.

- Supporting research and evaluation activities to inform decisions about program improvement, regulations, and/or policy making related to biomedical science and public health issues.
- Drafting internal and external correspondence, reports, presentations, talking points, and other materials for use by staff, management, and/or senior ASPE leadership in briefing key stakeholders and other leadership, including the HHS Secretary.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Allison Kolbe (Allison.kolbe@hhs.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: **September 1, 2021.** Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

Appointment Length: The appointment will initially be for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of HHS and is contingent on the availability of funds.

Level of Participation: The appointment is full-time.

Participant Stipend: The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. **A health insurance allowance will be provided. A training allowance will also be provided with sufficient justification. No relocation allowance will be provided.**

Citizenship Requirements: This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens only.

ORISE Information: This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and HHS. Participants do not become employees of HHS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

Questions: Please visit our [Program Website](#). After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email HHSrpp@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- Experience designing, planning, conducting, and communicating the results of analytical projects within the biomedical or behavioral sciences or within public health or public policy
- Knowledge of and experience with qualitative analytic approaches (e.g., conducting, collating,

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analyzing and interpreting results from key informant/subject matter expert interviews)

- Experience in the areas of public health, infectious diseases, or emergency preparedness/response

- Eligibility**
- Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
 - **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2👁)
 - **Engineering** (1👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (33👁)
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (1👁)
 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (1👁)
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (12👁)