

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Health Communications Internship  
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**Organization** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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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** 7/29/2022 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

**CDC Office and Location:** A fellowship opportunity is available in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Division of Vector-borne Diseases (DVBD), at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of the major operation components of the Department of Health and Human Services. CDC works to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are chronic or acute, curable or preventable, human error or deliberate attack, CDC fights disease and supports communities and citizens to do the same.

The DVBD is a national and international leader in researching, preventing, and controlling viruses and bacteria spread by vectors including mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas. Our staff includes entomologists, epidemiologists, molecular biologists, laboratorians, microbiologists, physicians, veterinarians, virologists, and zoologists.

**Research Project:** The fellow will interact closely with health communicators and web developers. Opportunities may include:

- Writing and disseminating web-based information.
- Assisting with the communication of vector control methods and vector-borne disease prevention tools
- Developing health communication materials, such as B-roll,



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videos, and social media strategies and postings, and a mosquito image library

- Translating scientific language for various audiences in English and Spanish.

As knowledge is gained, the participant may be involved in developing the best mechanisms for communicating information to various audiences and analyzing the reach of messages to those audiences.

**Learning Objectives:** The learning objectives of the selected individual's appointment will be the ability: (1) to develop appropriate public health messages around vector-borne disease and public health entomology; and (2) to help coordinate and disseminate these tools via multiple channels. Activities will contribute to the individual's professional development and experience with the field of public health communication, with special emphasis on entomology and vector-borne diseases.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Holley Hooks ([lh16@cdc.gov](mailto:lh16@cdc.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** June 1, 2022. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for two months, but may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC 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.

**Citizenship Requirements:** This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR), and foreign nationals. Non-U.S. citizen applicants should refer to the [Guidelines for Non-U.S. Citizens Details page](#) of the program website for information about the valid immigration statuses that are acceptable for program participation.

**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 CDC. Participants do not become employees of CDC, 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.

The successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) requirements of the hosting facility, including but not limited to, COVID-19 requirements (e.g. facial covering, physical distancing, testing,

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vaccination).

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

## Qualifications

The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in one of the relevant fields (e.g. Public Health, Health Communications). Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- Training or experience in public health or communications
- Intermediate or higher Spanish skills (reading, writing, speaking)
- Ability to quickly analyze different streams of information and translate them into language appropriate for multiple audiences
- Knowledge of various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Undergraduate Students.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (2 👁)
- **Veteran Status:** Veterans Preference, degree received within the last 120 month(s).