

Opportunity Title: CDC Fellowship in HIV Surveillance with the Guidance and Data Quality Team

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Organization Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcripts – [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts](#)
- 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 8/1/2022 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

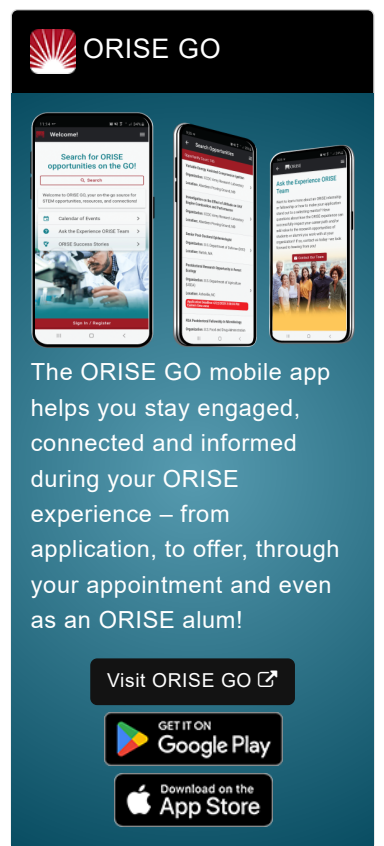
Description *Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is currently available with the Guidance and Data Quality Team (GDQT) in the HIV Surveillance Branch (HSB) within the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 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.

Research Project: The participant will assist the GDQT in the HSB with the development, revision, and review of technical guidance documents used by HIV Surveillance Programs to inform collection of epidemiologic data to monitor the numbers and rates of new diagnoses and prevalence of HIV infection and HIV-related morbidity and mortality. In addition, the participant will be involved in and eventually co-lead specialized data quality projects aimed at improving the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of National HIV Surveillance System (NHSS) data. Data quality projects may focus on lab reporting, perinatal misclassification, under identification of deaths, or improvement of the quality of gender identity data and identification of transgender and additional gender identity persons.

This fellowship offers the opportunity to train on high-priority and high-impact HIV surveillance activities. HSB, in collaboration with state/local health departments, provides crucial data for understanding the distribution and burden of HIV in the United States. Under the guidance of a mentor, the fellow will receive outstanding training in epidemiology and surveillance, with a focus on technical assistance, scientific guidance, and improving data quality.



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Learning Objectives:

- Assist with the assessment of HIV surveillance procedures and best practices to support the development, revision, and review of technical guidance documents used by HIV Surveillance Programs
- Assist and eventually co-lead specialized data quality projects aimed at improving the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of National HIV Surveillance System (NHSS) data.
- Review literature related to the epidemiology of HIV infection
- Develop manuscripts for scientific peer review

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Alexandra Balaji (dvi7@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: **October 3, 2022.** 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 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, vaccination).

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

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields, or be currently pursuing the degree with completion before October 3, 2022. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

If currently working toward a degree, the participant must have obtained or

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currently enrolled in applicable courses towards a degree in one of the related fields and be involved in a public health project that clearly requires this educational background.

Preferred Skills:

- Strong scientific writing and communication skills, including experience writing technical guidance
- Data management and/or data analysis experience
- Background in epidemiology and/or surveillance
- Experience managing projects

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 10/3/2022 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Business** ([1](#) )
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([1](#) )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([1](#) )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([3](#) )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([11](#) )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([3](#) )

Affirmation I certify that I have not previously been employed by CDC or by a contractor working directly for CDC. I understand that CDC does not permit individuals with a prior employment relationship with CDC or its contractors to participate as trainees in the ORISE program. (Exceptions may be granted for individuals who, since the previous CDC employment, have obtained a new STEM degree which necessitates training in a new field.)