

Opportunity Title: HHS Fellowship in Policy Research Analysis of Federal HIV Initiatives

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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 10/17/2022 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

HHS Office and Location: A fellowship is available in the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), Office of the Secretary (OS), at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) located in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the HHS is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.

Research Project: We are seeking an individual to collaborate with Dr. Timothy Harrison, Deputy Director for Strategic Initiatives & Senior Policy Advisor at the OIDP and HHS's lead liaison for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS), to support efforts related to ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. initiative (EHE). This research is done in the context of the Syndemics of STIs, Viral Hepatitis, Substance Use Disorders, and HIV.

The individual will document and evaluate the current:

- Understanding and/or awareness of EHE and NHAS by federal HIV program staff, HIV service community members and other stakeholders.
- Mechanisms OASH staff uses to educate stakeholders on critical policies that amplify the goals of EHE and NHAS, specifically those impacting the target communities outlined in both initiatives.
- Assessment of the effectiveness of communications among federal colleagues related to the implementation and execution of EHE and NHAS, with the inclusion of future recommendations to enhance the public health response to these two vital programs.

Learning Objectives: This opportunity will allow the participant to:

- Document programmatic public health program outcomes that will be used to inform multimillion dollar fiscal investments and national policy/guidance.
- Attend high level policy meetings to gather information and expand knowledge related to the development of public health policy.
- Gain exposure to policy related events and learning opportunities.
- Publish evaluation results on HIV.gov and potentially contribute to/write a journal article.
- Give presentations on findings at annual conferences.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Dr. Timothy Harrison (timothy.harrison@hhs.gov). If you have

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questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: **November 1, 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 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.

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. The appointment is full-time at HHS in the Rockville, Maryland area. 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.

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 HHSrpp@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.




Qualifications

The qualified candidate should have received a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields, or be currently pursuing one of the degrees and within a semester of completion. Most recent degree must have been received within the past five years.

Preferred Skills:

- Having a mix of skills related to public health, evaluation, and communications with a background and knowledge of HIV
- Writing and analytical skills
- Being a team player and also able to work individually
- Understanding of communities of color in the context of HIV and syndemics. Those communities, as outlined in the NHAS include:
 - Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, in particular Black, Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native men.
 - Black women
 - Transgender women
 - Youth aged 13–24 years
 - People who inject drugs

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (3 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (3 )
 - **Other Non-S&E** (13 )

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- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (29 )