

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Fellowship in Health Communication - Bacterial Special Pathogens

**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-NCEZID-DHCPP-2023-0174

**Organization** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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- 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** 8/21/2023 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 High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology (DHCPP), Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (BSPB) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) located in Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

**Research Project:** The fellow will interact closely with medical officers, veterinarians, epidemiologists, statisticians, public health analysts and health communicators, focusing on health communication, health education, health policy and partnerships, and website development.

Training opportunities may include:

- Writing and disseminating web-based information about diseases covered by the Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch that may include but not limited to anthrax, brucellosis, leptospirosis, melioidosis, leprosy etc.
- Translating scientific language for various audiences.
- Developing health education and communication materials, such as stories, newsletters, program summaries, fact sheets, social media postings, and infographics.
- Collaborating with partner organizations (domestic and international) to disseminate tailored information through various mediums
- Assist with community engagement activities.
- Drafting survey questions and analyzing results to inform public health



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messaging.

- Drafting responses to inquiries about BSPB diseases (see above) received through CDC-INFO or direct messages.

As knowledge is gained, the participant may be involved in targeting information to various audiences and evaluating the reach of messages to those audiences.

**Learning Objectives:** As a result, the participant will learn to apply health communication techniques and best practices to national and international public health problems and develop high-impact products related to BSPB diseases. In addition, the participant will learn to monitor and evaluate communication programs developed to improve their reach and effectiveness. Finally, the participant will learn to engage and communicate with internal and external stakeholders (governmental and non-governmental)

**Mentor(s):** The mentor(s) for this opportunity is Maria Negron ([YFP3@CDC.GOV](mailto:YFP3@CDC.GOV)). Please contact them if you have questions about the nature of this research.

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** July 17, 2023. 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 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 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.NCEZID@ornl.gov](mailto:ORISE.CDC.NCEZID@ornl.gov) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

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**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 August 31, 2023. Degree must have been received in the past five years.

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
  - **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 8/31/2023 11:59:00 PM.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) )
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([12](#) )
    - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([9](#) )

**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.)