

Opportunity Title: Health Communication Specialist in the Division of Violence Prevention

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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.

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

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is available in 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: Under the guidance of a mentor, the ORISE participant will support communications technical assistance efforts for the division. Specifically, the fellow will conduct a needs assessment with recipients about their communication and dissemination efforts. Following the needs assessment, the ORISE participant will assist with the development of a technical assistance plan. Under the guidance of a mentor, the ORISE participant will also assist with project management activities related to the VetoViolence website and technical assistance requests from CDC partners.

Learning Objectives: Learning activities related to the fellowship will include:

- Developing the needs assessment instrument
- Conducting the needs assessment
- Analyzing the results and reporting the findings to leadership
- Developing briefing materials



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- Developing communications technical assistance plans
- Collaborating with team members on other related, ongoing projects to increase understanding of violence prevention and communications priorities
- Assisting division staff with project management activities.
- Assisting division staff with technical assistance requests.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Jennifer Middlebrooks (jod5@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: June 1, 2024. 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: Stipend rates may vary based on numerous factors, including opportunity, location, education, and experience. If you are interviewed, you can inquire about the exact stipend rate at that time and if selected, your appointment offer will include the monthly stipend rate.

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.NCIPC@ornl.gov and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications Master's degree in health communication, health education, journalism, public affairs, psychology, sociology, criminology, public health, social work, or related field earned within the past

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five years.

Preferred skills:

- Course work in at least two of the following areas: health promotion and behavior, communications, violence prevention
- Skill in handling, planning, organizing, and directing multiple, complex tasks
- Knowledge of planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion programs
- Ability to quickly collect and analyze different streams of information, including data sets using both qualitative and quantitative methods
- Strong communication (written and verbal), listening, and problem solving skills
- Strong interpersonal skills demonstrating an ability to collaborate with diverse colleagues from multi-disciplinary backgrounds

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (1 👁)

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.)