

**Opportunity Title:** CDC National Surveillance, Tick-borne Disease Prevention and Outbreak Response Fellowship

**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-NCEZID-DVBD-2025-0002

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

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**How to Apply** *To submit your application, scroll to the bottom of this opportunity and click APPLY.*

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.

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

**CDC Office and Location:** An opportunity is available with the Epidemiology Team in the Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch within the Division of Vector-Borne Diseases (DVBD) of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 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 Epidemiology team is responsible for supporting national surveillance activities for 7 nationally notifiable conditions. The diseases of primary focus on the team include Rocky Mountain spotted fever, flea-borne typhus, Q fever, other spotted fever group rickettsiosis, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and alpha-gal syndrome. One of the team's primary missions is to understand the epidemiology driving burden of these diseases domestically and internationally. This mission is met through a disease surveillance, research, capacity building, and outbreak investigations.

**Learning Objectives:**

- The participant will train in activities with the national surveillance, tick-



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borne disease prevention, outbreak response, and public/healthcare providers.

- The participant will also be trained in communication and providing information to the general public, state and local public health departments.
- There is also opportunity to provide training for data management, SAS programming, and statistical analysis.
- Training will be provided in preparation of manuscripts and written summaries, research, public health communication, and case report data.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Lynnette Swerdlow ([zvq7@cdc.gov](mailto:zvq7@cdc.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date: January 13, 2025.** 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.NCEZID@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.CDC.NCEZID@orau.org) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of

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the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

**Preferred skills:**

- Interest in One Health, public health capacity building, data analyses, public health surveillance, and outbreak investigation.

**Point of Contact** [Rachel Barker](#)

**Eligibility** • **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only

**Requirements** • **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).

- **Discipline(s):**
  - **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.)