

Opportunity Title: Viral Pathogenesis and Model Development Postdoctoral Fellowship

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Organization U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

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Application Deadline 12/31/2025 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The Department of Defense (DoD) is offering a postdoctoral fellowship at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command - Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRDC MRIID).

What will I be doing?

As an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) participant, you will join a community of scientists and researchers in an effort to engage in basic and applied research utilizing current methodologies in virology, immunology, and molecular biology with a focus on preventing disease caused by high consequence viruses for the protection or treatment of the Warfighter.

Why should I apply?

Under the guidance of a mentor, you will gain hands-on experience to complement your education and support your academic and professional goals. Along the way, you will engage in activities and research in several areas. Learning activities will focus on:

- The development and characterization of animal models and/or microphysiological systems for viral agents.
- Emphasis is placed on determining virus dissemination and pathology following infection, as well as identifying potential targets for future medical countermeasures.
- The opportunity to collect and analyze data from a diverse research portfolio provides participants the chance to develop new research skills and build professional networks.
- Most, but not all, of this research is conducted in either BSL-3 or BSL-4 high containment laboratories.
- This appointment will require enrollment in a Biological Personnel Reliability Program (BPRP).

Where will I be located?

Fort Detrick, Maryland

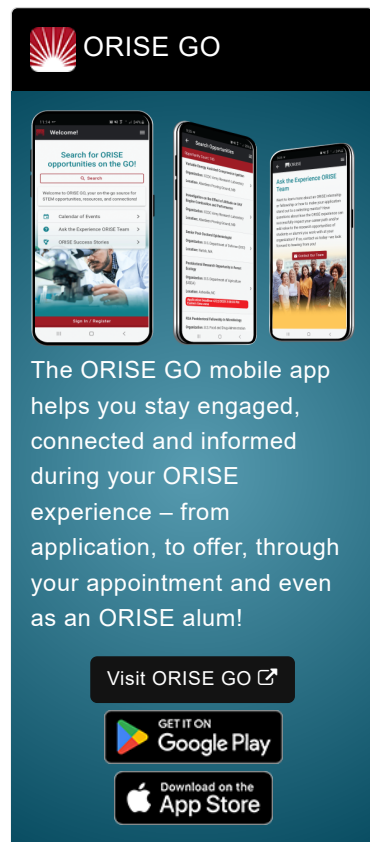
What is the anticipated start date?

The USAMRDC MRIID is ready to make appointments immediately, with a desired start date of June 2, 2025. Exact start dates will be determined at the time of selection and in coordination with the selected candidate. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and internships or fellowships will be filled as qualified candidates are identified.

What is the appointment length?


This appointment is a twelve-month research appointment, with the possibility to be renewed for additional research periods. Appointments may be extended depending on funding availability, project assignment, program rules, and availability of the participant.


What are the provisions?




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You will receive a stipend to be determined by USAMRDC MRIID. Stipends are typically based on a participant's academic standing, discipline, experience, and research facility location. Other provisions may include the following:

- Health Insurance Supplement (*Participants are eligible to purchase health insurance through ORISE*)
- Relocation Allowance
- Training and Travel Allowance

Security Clearance

While participants will not enter an employment relationship with DoD or any other agency, this opportunity will require a suitability investigation/background investigation. Any offer made is considered tentative pending favorable outcome of the investigation.

About USAMRDC MRIID

USAMRIID's reputation has been built over the years by numerous scientists and technical staff working to protect both military personnel and civilians from the threat of infectious diseases. The Institute participates in support of emerging disease investigations, working alongside colleagues from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. As a reference laboratory for the Department of Defense, USAMRIID sets the standard for identification of biological agents. The Institute's workforce represents some of the top infectious disease and biological defense experts in the Nation—indeed, in the world. For more information about the USAMRDC MRIID, please visit <https://usamriid.health.mil/>.

About ORISE

This program, administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (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 DoD. Participants do not enter an employee/employer relationship with ORISE, ORAU, DoD or any other office or agency. Instead, you will be affiliated with ORISE for the administration of the appointment through the ORISE appointment letter and Terms of Appointment. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE. For more information, visit the [ORISE Research Participation Program at the U.S. Department of Defense](#).

Qualifications The qualified candidate will have a doctoral degree in virology, microbiology, or infectious diseases. Degree must have been received within twelve months of the appointment start date or will have completed by June 30, 2025. Highly competitive applicants will have experience in virology research.

Preferred Skills:

- Knowledge and background in virology/ molecular biology/serology/cell biology
- BSL-2/3 laboratory experience with hands-on experience in wet-lab procedures
- Functional knowledge of molecular techniques such as: PCR; real-time PCR; PCR primer/probe design and DNA sequencing and analysis
- Excellent organizational skills, ability to multitask, collaborate and work in a team
- Proficiency in technical writing, oral communication, interpersonal and organizational skills
- Critical thinking skills to develop experimental approaches and interpret data.

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- Demonstrated flexibility and self-motivation.
- Successful applicants should be highly motivated and welcome the use of a variety of approaches to address important, challenging scientific problems.

Application Requirements

A complete application consists of:


- Zintellect Profile
- Educational and Employment History
- Essay Questions (goals, experiences, and skills relevant to the opportunity)
- Resume (PDF)
- Transcripts/Academic Records - Please upload a copy of a transcript for your current or most recent degree program that meets the disciplinary qualifications of the opportunity. [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.](#)
- Two Recommendations. We encourage you to contact your recommenders as soon as you start your application to ensure they are able to complete the recommendation form and to let them know to expect a message from Zintellect. Recommenders will be asked to rate your scientific capabilities, personal characteristics, and describe how they know you. You can always log back in to your Zintellect account and check the status of your application.

If you have questions, send an email to <https://usamriid.health.mil/>. Please list the reference code of this opportunity [USAMRDC-MRIID-2025-0005] in the subject line of the email. Please understand that ORISE does not review applications or select applicants; selections are made by the sponsoring agency identified on this opportunity. All application materials should be submitted via the "Apply" button at the bottom of this opportunity listing. Please do not send application materials to the email address above.

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Point of Contact [Kimberly](#)

- Eligibility**

Requirements
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
 - **Degree:** Doctoral Degree received within the last 12 months or anticipated to be received by 6/30/2025 12:00:00 AM.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([3](#) )