

Opportunity Title: WRAIR: Community Outreach and Education Fellowship

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Description The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) is offering an internship/fellowship for the Community Engagement (CE) Project.

What will I be doing?

As an ORISE participant, you will join a community of scientists and researchers within the CE Project with a key focus to reach minority and at-risk populations in the DC/Maryland/Virginia area, including Black, Latino and immigrant populations. The CE project has several interrelated project goals including:

- To increase WRAIR researchers' knowledge and awareness of community needs, values, and preferences in relation to clinical research.
- To increase regional awareness of WRAIR clinical research and its importance.
- To address misperceptions/misconceptions about the research enterprise.
- To support effective strategies for recruitment and retention in clinical trials.

Throughout your fellowship, you will be involved in activities in the DC metropolitan area. This opportunity is full-time, although some meetings may occur after business hours depending on community availability and schedule needs. Some activities are conducted virtually, and some are in-person; all activities will be conducted in accordance with local public health guidelines.

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. Overall, you will:

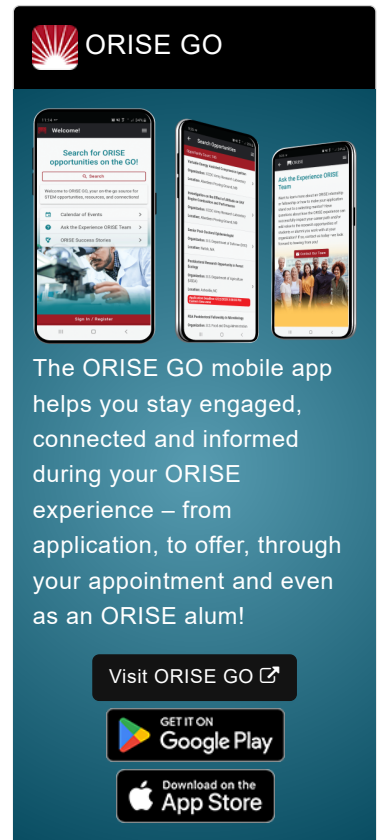
- Interpret qualitative and quantitative methods to assess community members' attitudes, perspectives and experience with regard to clinic research.
- Apply scientific knowledge in the fields of STEM education
- Gain experience in educational interventions, statistics, and interpretation of results
- Develop educational activities to inform, teach and encourage dialogue about clinic trials
- Apply experimental design for STEM modules
- Train on developing, implementing and evaluating a strategic outreach plan to achieve project goals.
- Implement and assess Community Advisory Board (CAB) educational approaches.
- Engage in building and sustaining partnerships with community organizations.
- Learn effective strategies for developing and supporting the CAB.
- Participate in other team activities as they arise.

Where will I be located?

Silver Spring, Maryland


What is the anticipated start date?


The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research is ready to make appointments immediately. Exact start dates will be determined at the time of selection and in coordination with the selected




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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 benefits?

You will receive a stipend to be determined by Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Stipends are typically based on a participant's academic standing, discipline, experience, and research facility location. Other benefits may include the following:

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

About WRAIR

The [Walter Reed Army Institute of Research \(WRAIR\)](#), aims to conduct biomedical research that is responsive to U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Army requirements. WRAIR conducts basic science, applied science, and animal and human subjects research to deliver lifesaving products including knowledge, technology and medical material that sustain the combat effectiveness of the Warfighter. Areas of focus include tropical infectious diseases and HIV, medical care on the battlefield and post-traumatic stress disorders. For more information about the WRAIR, please visit www.wrair.army.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 into 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 or be currently pursuing a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in biomedical sciences, infectious diseases, public health or social sciences within five years of the appointment start date.

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).

Application Requirements

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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 - For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.](#)
- One Recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed until a recommendation is submitted. We encourage you to contact your recommender 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. The recommender 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 ARMY-MRMC@orise.orau.gov. Please list the reference code of this opportunity MRDC-WRAIR-2023-0002 in the subject line of the email.



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Point of Contact [Kimberly](#)

Eligibility

- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen

Requirements

- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (4 )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (1 )