

Opportunity Title: HHS Science Policy Fellowship
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Organization U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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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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Application Deadline 2/27/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

HHS Office and Location: A fellowship opportunity is currently available in the Office of Science and Data Policy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.

ASPE advises the HHS Secretary on policy development, leads special initiatives, coordinates the Department's evaluation, research and demonstration activities, and manages cross-Department planning activities such as strategic planning, legislative planning, and review of regulations.

Research Project: The selected fellow will be guided by a team of ASPE scientists with expertise in data science, public health, informatics, and policy. This team collaborates to build and strengthen the data and research infrastructure that supports comparative effectiveness research and patient-centered outcomes research to inform decisions in health, health care, and public health policy.

The fellow will have opportunities to use a wide range of data resources; help design and carry out research studies; and engage in both quantitative

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and qualitative analytical projects related to comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research, all in support of Office of the Secretary priorities led by ASPE.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will gain experience in:

- Developing (if necessary) and maintaining subject matter expertise on issues relevant to biomedical science and public health policy in order to provide review and analysis of related topic areas for relevant regulations, legislation, executive directives, reports, and other documents for policy implications and alignment with HHS priorities.
- Supporting research and evaluation activities to inform decisions about program improvement, regulations, and/or policy making related to biomedical science and public health issues.
- Drafting correspondence, reports, presentations, talking points, and other materials for use by staff, management, and/or senior ASPE leadership in briefing key stakeholders and other leadership, including the HHS Secretary.

Mentor: The mentor for this opportunity is Casey Sullivan (casey.sullivan@hhs.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: January 1, 2026. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

Appointment Length: The appointment will initially be for 6 months, but may be renewed upon recommendation of HHS 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 and receive a stipend for healthcare benefits.

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 HHS. Participants do not become employees of HHS, 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

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distancing, testing, vaccination).

Questions: Please visit our [Program Website](#). After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email HHSrpp@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received a bachelor's degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

Preferred skills:

- Experience designing, planning, conducting, and communicating the results of analytical projects within the sciences.
- Knowledge of and experience with methodological and statistical techniques necessary to analyze and interpret relevant data.

Point of Contact [Rachel](#)

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

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

• **Discipline(s):**

- **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) )
- **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([17](#) )
- **Engineering** ([1](#) )
- **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([51](#) )
- **Mathematics and Statistics** ([1](#) )
- **Other Non-Science & Engineering** ([2](#) )
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([12](#) )