

Opportunity Title: CDC Environmental Health Policy and Science Fellowship

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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.
- A copy of an abstract or reprint of an article

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

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Application Deadline 9/25/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is available in the Office of Policy and the Office of Science in the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP) in the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) 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 protects 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. CDC increases the health security of our nation. As the nation's health protection agency, CDC saves lives and protects people from health threats. To accomplish its mission, CDC conducts important science and provides health information that protects our nation against expensive and dangerous health threats, and responds when these arise.

Research Project: In this educational research participation opportunity with the CDC's Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP), you will engage in a mentored learning experience focused on applied environmental health science and public health practice. You will gain exposure to cross-cutting environmental health topics such as asthma,



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lead exposure, and safe water while collaborating with multidisciplinary teams and interacting with internal and external partners. Through participation in ongoing projects, meetings, and scientific discussions, you will build knowledge of how environmental health research, communication, and public health activities inform programs and policy. This opportunity is designed to provide training and professional development in environmental health science within a collaborative research environment.

Learning Objectives: Through this mentored training experience, you will have opportunities to:

- Gain experience preparing talking points, presentations, and communication materials for scientific discussions, speaking engagements, and program-related activities.
- Build knowledge of environmental health topics through participation in meetings, collaborative discussions, and engagement with division leadership and partner organizations.
- Develop organizational and communication skills through tracking meeting outcomes, scientific priorities, program updates, and cross-cutting environmental health activities.
- Strengthen collaboration skills through engagement with multidisciplinary teams, partner organizations, and environmental health initiatives.
- Learn how scientific and public health information is communicated to diverse audiences and stakeholders.
- Gain exposure to national, state, and emerging environmental health policy and legislative topics relevant to public health practice and research.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Amy McRae (igt8@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: September 14, 2026. 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

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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 CDCCrpp@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a master's degree in the one of the relevant fields (Public Policy, Public Administration, Public Health, or related field). Degree must have been received within the past five years, or be currently pursuing.

Preferred skills:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal and facilitation skills
- Ability to conceptualize complex problems and identify possible approaches or solutions
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Knowledge of policy processes
- Ability to respond effectively and efficiently to time-sensitive issues in response to stakeholder interests and needs

Point of Contact [Rachel](#)

- Eligibility**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- Requirements**
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) 👁)
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([2](#) 👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([51](#) 👁)
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([30](#) 👁)

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.)