

Opportunity Title: CDC Office of Communication Fellowship

Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-2026-0027

Organization Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Reference Code CDC-2026-0027

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.

Connect with ORISE...on the GO! Download the new ORISE GO mobile app in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) to help you stay engaged, connected, and informed during your ORISE experience and beyond!

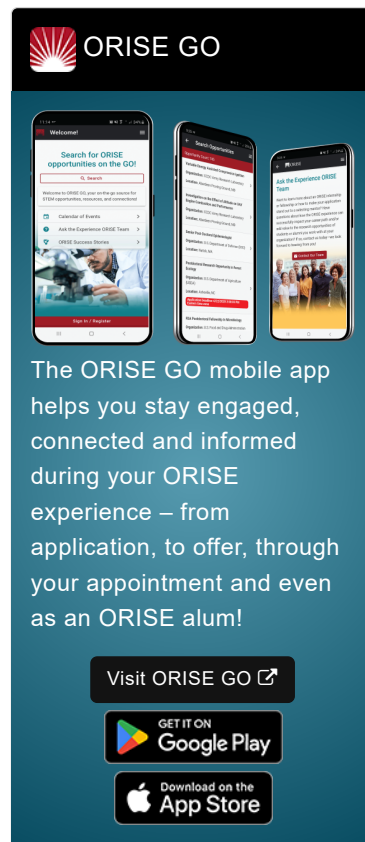
Application Deadline 9/25/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is currently available with the Division of Media Relations (DMR) of the Office of Communications (OC) 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: The Office of Communication (OC) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention serves as the hub for agency communication and strategy. As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen and streamline health communication products, processes, and day-to-day operations, OC is offering a STEM-focused fellowship opportunity for an individual interested in learning about health communication, business



Opportunity Title: CDC Office of Communication Fellowship

Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-2026-0027

analytics, and organizational optimization in a public health setting.

You will have the opportunity to train on projects focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of communication activities through data analysis, process evaluation, and problem-solving. Under mentorship from OC staff, you may learn about analyzing communication and operational data, identifying areas for improvement, and exploring research-informed approaches for identifying potential strategies to enhance the development and delivery of health communication materials.

Learning Objectives:

- Gain experience from OC staff and collaborators on research instruments, data collection processes, analysis, and reporting activities.
- Develop skills in conducting literature reviews and formative research to inform organizational and program objectives.
- Learn qualitative research methods through conducting in-depth interviews with internal stakeholders and staff.
- Build analytical skills by performing gap analyses and evaluating data to identify opportunities for process improvement.
- Gain experience preparing reports, presentations, and data summaries for internal and external stakeholders.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Solange Han-Barthelemy (hey3@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor.

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: August 31, 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 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

Opportunity Title: CDC Office of Communication Fellowship

Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-2026-0027

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

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields (industrial or organizational psychology; public health, communication). Degree must have been received within the past five years.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate an interest in public health communication, analytics, systems improvement, or related STEM fields, along with a willingness to learn and collaborate in a team environment. Prior experience or technical skills in areas such as data analysis, evaluation, or health communication are desirable.

Point of Contact [Rachel](#)

- Eligibility**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- Requirements**
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([1](#) )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([1](#) )
 - **Social and Behavioral 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.)