**Opportunity Title:** CDC Newborn Screening Fellowship
**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-2026-0112

**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:

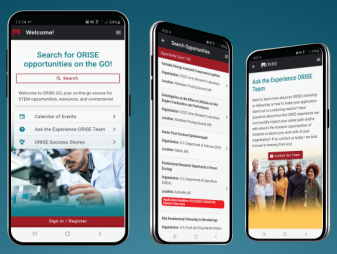
- An application
- Transcripts – Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete, and will not be reviewed until one recommendation is submitted.

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

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**Application Deadline** 11/20/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

**CDC Office and Location:** A fellowship opportunity is available in the Division of Laboratory Sciences (DLS), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Fellowship training will occur in the Division of Laboratory Science (DLS), Newborn Screening and Molecular Biology Branch (NSMBB), Partner Engagement team.

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.

NSMBB provides states with quality control dried blood spot materials, technical assistance, and training. This support helps ensure that newborn screening to identify serious but treatable conditions remains reliable for millions of babies each year. For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/newborn-screening

**Research Project:** NSMBB has an opportunity for an ORISE participant to be train in project development, health services research, data modernization, and engagement with partners. This fellowship will provide hands-on experience on projects that advance newborn screening efforts. Under the guidance of public health scientists, you will help evaluate activities to improve early detection of

serious conditions in newborns. Activities may include:

- Gain practical experience developing, implementing, and evaluating initiatives that support advancement of newborn screening.
- Learn to monitor project activities, document progress, and summarize project accomplishments and outcomes.
- Develop skills in planning, drafting, reviewing, and distributing informational communications for public health audiences.
- Build experience analyzing public health datasets to support program planning, evaluation, and evidence-informed decision-making.
- Strengthen professional and scientific writing skills through development of project proposals, abstracts, presentations, and reports.
- Learn strategies for developing, sustaining, and collaborating through public health partnerships.

**Learning Objectives:** Under the guidance of scientists and other public health staff within NSMBB, you will gain experience in:

- Developing, planning and conducting activities to advance newborn screening, including enhancing collaboration with and awareness among state public health programs, national organizations, families, and other partners.
- Reporting key findings and messages using communication best practices and data visualization techniques.
- Preparing and promoting items and publications tailored for different audiences.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Marcus Gaffney (nzg9@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

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

**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for one year 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 and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) 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 through ORISE.

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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.

**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 or be currently pursuing a master's degree in one of the relevant fields (Public Health, or related field). Degree must have been received within the past five years, or anticipated to be received by 12/31/2026.

**Preferred Skills:**

- Academic background or demonstrated interest in public health.
- Ability to collaborate and communicate professionally with peers and partners.
- Strong organizational and project coordination skills, including the ability to be involved in multiple projects and activities.
- Ability to review, analyze, and summarize information into clear, actionable findings.
- Proficient in writing, with an interest in learning clear communication skills to develop summaries, presentations, and other materials for various audiences.
- Interest in engagement, and collaboration with public health programs, national organizations, families, and other partners.
- Interest in program evaluation, performance measurement, and/or data analysis is desirable.
- Familiarity with laboratory sciences is desirable but not required.

**Stipend** $65,271.00 Yearly

**Point of Contact** Rachel

**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 12/31/2026 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Business** (2 👁)
  - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (1 👁)
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (3 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (5 👁)

**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.)

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