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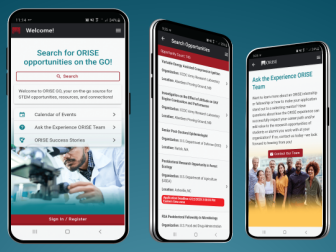
How to Apply ***To submit your application, scroll to the bottom of this opportunity and click APPLY.***

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 12/18/2026 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 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.

The Division of Partnership Support (DPS) within the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure Center (PHIC) is committed to strengthening public health systems, enhancing partnership effectiveness, and ensuring resilient infrastructure across state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) jurisdictions. The ORISE Fellowship in Public Health Infrastructure and Partnership Implementation Science offers an immersive, practice-based training experience designed to develop the next generation of public health systems thinkers and implementation scientists.

Research Project: The purpose of this fellowship is to provide you with robust training in public health infrastructure assessment, partnership science, and program improvement.

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Through guided learning experiences, you will develop skills to manage and analyze program datasets, evaluate partnership activities, and produce actionable recommendations that enhance program efficiency and demonstrate impact. This fellowship is designed to strengthen your analytic and scientific skills while increasing your understanding of national efforts to modernize public health infrastructure, improve partnership performance, and translate evidence into strategic action.

During the fellowship, you will:

- Build foundational knowledge and applied skills in public health infrastructure and partnership research, and implementation science methods.
- Gain experience collecting, organizing, analyzing, and interpreting quantitative data related to public health partnerships and systems performance.
- Develop competencies in analytic dataset creation and analysis, systematic and content reviews, and evidence synthesis.
- Strengthen scientific communication skills through writing reports, developing presentations, and contributing to publishable materials under mentor guidance.
- Apply rigorous scientific processes to analyze and translate research findings into recommendations that support continuous quality improvement.

Learning Objectives: Under the mentorship of DPS leadership, you will engage in applied learning that strengthens analytic, scientific, and communication competencies.

You will participate in a structured series of training activities such as:

- Learning partnership and implementation science frameworks and methods and how partnerships and infrastructure support public health program outcomes.
- Developing analytic datasets and learning approaches for dataset stewardship.
- Learning how evaluation activities identify progress, gaps, trends, and opportunities for program improvement.
- Applying novel analytic approaches that demonstrate the value and impact of partnership programs.
- Gaining experience contributing to written products, data visualizations, and communication materials for internal and external audiences.
- Participating in mentorship sessions focused on scientific writing, stakeholder communication, and dissemination strategies.

Mentor(s): The mentors for this opportunity are Hazel Dean (hdd0@cdc.gov) and Charleen Ross (vxy5@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentors.

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: November 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 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, poliovirus requirements (e.g. immunization, testing prior to laboratory access).

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 (data science, biostatistics, epidemiology, evaluation or related fields). Degree must have been received within the past five years.

Preferred skills:

- Experience or coursework in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, evaluation, or research methods preferred.
- Strong analytical, writing, communication, and organizational skills.
- Ability to research collaboratively in a fast-paced public health environment.

Point of Contact

Rachel

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (1)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (2)
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** (3)

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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.)