Opportunity Title: Communications Fellowship with CDC Global Health Center
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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.

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.**

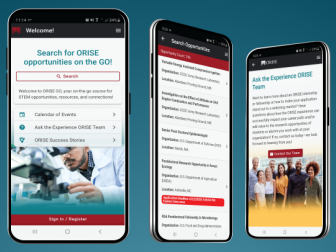
CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is available in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Global Health Center's Office of Communications, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

CDC's global health mission is to protect people in the United States and around the world by preventing, detecting, and responding to disease threats—anytime and anywhere. For more than 70 years, CDC has supported global public health system strengthening, trailblazing science and innovation, and evidence-based decision-making. The Global Health Center (GHC), alongside other CDC centers working globally, implements CDC's mission by focusing on:

- Stopping health threats at their source before they spread to the United States and
- Containing disruptive global disease outbreaks
- Using global data for disease prevention and mitigation programs in the

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United States and other countries
- Saving lives and improving health globally

Research Project: The CDC Global Health Center (GHC) Office of Communications supports communication activities that increase understanding of global public health science, programs, and priorities among diverse audiences. Under the guidance of a mentor, you will participate in a mentored learning experience focused on public health communication and science translation. You will gain experience learning how scientific and technical information is translated into clear, audience-appropriate communications and how communication approaches are used in support of global public health initiatives. Training opportunities may include developing skills in writing for internal and external audiences, digital content development, communication planning, plain language communication, audience analysis, and evaluation of communication approaches and outreach efforts.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor, you will have opportunities to:

- Learn approaches used to develop, write, edit, and disseminate scientific and public health information for diverse audiences.
- Gain experience with digital and web-based communication approaches used in public health outreach and engagement.
- Strengthen skills in analyzing digital communication metrics, audience engagement data, and communication evaluation findings to understand how these measures may inform public health communication approaches.
- Develop communication skills through interactions with GHC programs, CDC communication professionals, and public health subject matter experts.
- Gain experience applying plain language principles to translate technical and scientific public health information into clear, audience-appropriate communications.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Jacqueline Rosenthal (jcr9@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor.

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: 2026/2027. 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.

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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 be currently pursuing or have received a master's degree in the one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past five years, or anticipated to be received by 5/1/2027.

Preferred skills:

- **Writing/editing:** Experience developing and editing products such as fact sheets, reports, newsletters, briefing materials, talking points, presentations, web content, and social media posts.
- **Plain-language communication:** Ability to translate technical and scientific information into concise language for different audiences, including general public, partners, leadership.
- **Public health/health communication experience:** Some understanding of public health, global health, health ed, health promotion or health communication.
- **Digital and web communications:** Experience developing website content, newsletters or other web-based communications.
- **Social media communications:** Experience creating platform-appropriate social content, adapting messages for different platforms, and communicating timely information through digital channels.
- **Presentation development:** Experience creating presentations and briefing materials that organize complex information into clear narratives and visually understandable formats.

Point of Contact Rachel

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 5/1/2027 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 👁)
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (3 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical 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.)