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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.

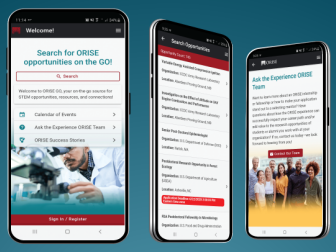
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Description ***Applications are reviewed on a rolling-basis and applications may close before the deadline.**

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is available in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) located in Washington, DC.

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 has acted globally for nearly 80 years in collaboration with governments, local organizations, and U.S. interagency partners. Through its scientific and technical expertise, CDC strengthens public health systems to detect, respond to, and contain infectious disease threats, supporting longer, safer, and healthier lives in the United States and worldwide. CDC experts embedded in partner countries build trusted, peer-to-peer relationships with Ministries of Health, enabling early detection of outbreaks and rapid response. These long-standing partnerships mean

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CDC is often the "first call" during a public health event, providing important early warning intelligence to the United States. Through global surveillance, laboratory systems, and real-time data sharing, CDC provides actionable insights that inform public health strategies.

Research Project:

This mentored research opportunity will examine interagency coordination and international financing approaches related to global health security. Using quantitative, comparative, and data-analytic methods, you will study how CDC's Global Health Center interacts with U.S. government agencies, regional National Public Health Institutes, and international public health organizations, including Africa CDC.

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

- Gain knowledge of interagency coordination frameworks and approaches used in global health security.
- Develop skills in analyzing data about interagency engagement, including meeting frequency, participation patterns, and other relevant measures.
- Learn how quantitative and comparative methods can be used to examine interagency coordination and global health priorities.
- Gain experience analyzing public health data and scientific information associated with global health security initiatives.
- Develop knowledge of communication approaches used to explain data findings to scientific and public health audiences.
- Gain exposure to international public health collaboration through observation of engagements involving Ministries of Health, National Public Health Institutes, and other global health organizations.
- Conduct comparative policy research related to scientific and public health engagement between CDC and Africa CDC.
- Develop quantitative research skills by examining interagency and international financing initiatives, including the Pandemic Fund.
- Strengthen research collaboration skills through participation in multidisciplinary research discussions and related learning activities.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor, you will gain experience applying quantitative, comparative, and data-analytic methods to study interagency coordination and international financing initiatives related to global health security. You will develop knowledge of interagency coordination frameworks, comparative policy research methods, international public health collaboration, and approaches used to analyze and communicate findings about global health security initiatives. You will also strengthen skills in data interpretation, research collaboration, and communicating analytical findings to scientific and public health audiences.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Jess Roach (mwq2@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: January 11, 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.

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 a master's degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past five years.

Preferred skills:

- Familiarity with or experience in global health settings and with partners such as Ministries of Health and multilateral organizations
- Communications experience
- Ability to handle competing priorities in a fast-paced environment
- Professionalism and diplomacy

Point of Contact

Rachel

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 👁)
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (2 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (51 👁)
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (4 👁)

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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.)