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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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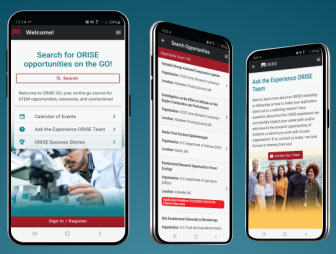

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Application Deadline 1/1/2027 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

CDC Office and Location: This opportunity is available with the Applied Research and Evaluation Branch (AREB) within the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP) at the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located 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.

DHDSP has a mission to provide national leadership, public health and scientific expertise, and program support to optimize cardiovascular health for all. Current Division priorities are to improve hypertension prevention, management, and control to advance cardiovascular health and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke through strengthening clinical and community support for hypertension care and coordination across health

systems and the continuum of care.

AREB is a leader in program evaluation, applied research, and research translation to support the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease (CVD). AREB's portfolio includes translating science to practice, developing tools and products for multiple audiences, systematic reviews, program evaluation, and evaluation research.

Research Project: This mentored educational opportunity focuses on implementation science, knowledge translation, program evaluation, and applied research related to cardiovascular disease prevention and management. Under the guidance of a mentor, you will gain experience examining approaches used to implement and evaluate public health initiatives, assess and synthesize evidence, and translate research findings for public health audiences.

Training activities may include gaining experience with implementation science and program evaluation frameworks; conducting literature or systematic reviews; analyzing data using appropriate analytic methods; learning how evidence-based findings are communicated through accessible public health resources; and exploring the application of digital and automated processes to support activities. Through these activities, you will strengthen research, analytical, evidence-synthesis, and scientific communication skills relevant to cardiovascular disease prevention and management.

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

- Apply knowledge and skills gained through academic training to implementation science, knowledge translation, and program evaluation research.
- Learn to apply translational and evaluation frameworks to assess and synthesize evidence related to cardiovascular disease prevention and management.
- Develop knowledge of methods used to monitor and evaluate the implementation and outcomes of public health initiatives.
- Strengthen skills in literature review, evidence synthesis, data analysis, interpretation, and scientific communication for public health audiences.
- Gain experience examining how research findings are translated into accessible public health information and resources.
- Strengthen collaboration and professional communication skills through participation in multidisciplinary research and evaluation learning experiences.
- Expand your professional network through interactions with mentors, researchers, evaluators, and other public health professionals.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Joanna Elmi (zft6@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: January 4, 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,

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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, Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR), and foreign nationals. Non-U.S. citizen applicants should refer to the Guidelines for Non-U.S. Citizens Details page of the program website for information about the valid immigration statuses that are acceptable for program participation.

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 be currently pursuing or have received a bachelor's or master's degree in the one of the relevant fields.

Stipend $5,440.00 Monthly

Point of Contact Rachel

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (2 👁)
  - **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.)