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Opportunity Title: CDC Global Immunization Policy and Partnerships Fellowship
Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-2026-0148

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 12/22/2026 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: A research opportunity is available in the 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.

Research Project: You will have the opportunity to gain applied experience in policy research, partnerships development, and communication within the Global Immunization Division (GID), Office of Policy and Communications. GID keeps Americans safe by stopping vaccine-preventable diseases before they reach the United States.

Under the guidance of experienced public health professionals, you will engage in and learn about projects that support the Office's efforts in **public health policy, strategic partnerships, and communication**. Through these activities, you will learn how a federal public health organization uses policy research, stakeholder engagement, partnership

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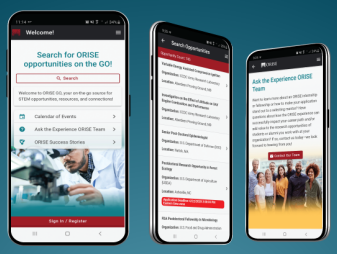
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approaches, outreach, and communications to advance CDC's priorities of polio eradication, measles and rubella elimination, and vaccination during public health emergencies.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor, learning activities may include:

- **Public Health Policy:** Learn approaches for monitoring and analyzing legislation and emerging policy issues affecting the public health workforce. You may learn how public health professionals develop policy analyses, background materials, leadership talking points, briefings, and other communication materials used to convey public health workforce priorities and accomplishments. You will gain exposure to how federal policy development processes function, implementation considerations, Congressional engagement activities, issues management, and performance reporting.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Learn about activities designed to strengthen collaboration with global health, governmental, and other organizations. You may gain experience observing and learning about partner engagement and outreach activities, approaches to partnership strategy development, fellowship-related initiatives, and methods used to track and evaluate partnership outcomes and impact. These experiences will provide insight into how partnerships can support global immunization priorities and programs.
- **Communications:** The experience may provide opportunities to learn and apply approaches for translating scientific and programmatic information into accessible communication materials, including infographics, fact sheets, visual summaries, and other research translation products for varied audiences.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Holley Hooks (lhi6@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:

- Interest and/or experience in government affairs, health communications, or global health.

Point of Contact

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Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (12)
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2)
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (17)
  - **Earth and Geosciences** (21)
  - **Engineering** (29)
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (51)
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** (11)
  - **Physics** (16)
  - **Science & Engineering-related** (2)
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (29)

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.)