Opportunity Title: CDC Health Communication Fellowship
Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-2026-0151

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.***

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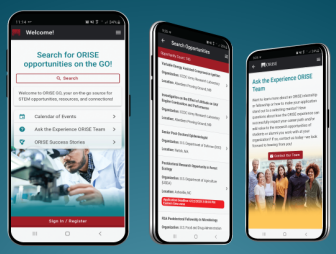
- An application
- Transcripts – Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete, 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 1/15/2027 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: A research opportunity is available in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the National Center for Environmental Health in the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice in Chamblee, 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 Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP) is consolidating its communication expertise into E-PULSE (Environmental Public Health Understanding through Learning, Support, and Engagement), a centralized unit that supports clear, consistent, and evidence-based communication across the division. E-PULSE strengthens coordination, reduces duplication, and provides cross-branch support during routine

activities, emergency responses, and changing priorities. The unit serves public health professionals, healthcare providers, community partners, and local, state, tribal, and territorial stakeholders through communication tools and resources, education, and training. Its efforts includes community-tailored communication products, EH Nexus webinars and audio briefs, continuing education, Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training, plain-language support, and communication help across the preparedness, response, and recovery continuum.

Research Project: Through this fellowship opportunity, you will learn about the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice's communication tools, efforts, and how we communicate with our partners and support communities. You will learn from subject matter experts and about their role in public health communication.

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

- Develop knowledge of public health communication principles and approaches used to translate scientific and technical information for diverse audiences
- Learn how communication plans and communication products are developed to support dissemination of evidence-based public health information.
- Gain experience examining information-management and knowledge-translation approaches used to organize, synthesize, and communicate scientific and programmatic information.
- Develop an understanding of methods used to review, evaluate, and improve the clarity, accuracy, and accessibility of public health communication products.
- Gain insight into communication systems, workflows, and documented processes that support consistent and effective dissemination of public health information.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Anna Khan (vgj4@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

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

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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 or be currently pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields (public health, environmental health, or communication science).

Preferred skills:

- Editing and writing skills and using AI to outline and brainstorming ideas.

Point of Contact

Rachel

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (51 👁)

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.)