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Opportunity Title: Congenital Syphilis Fellow
Opportunity Reference Code: CDC-NCHHSTP-2017-0152

Organization Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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How to 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
- Two educational or professional references

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

If you have questions, send an email to CDCrpp@orau.org. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

Description A fellowship opportunity is available in the Program Development and Quality Improvement Branch (PDQIB), Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP), National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Division of STD Prevention provides national leadership, research, policy development, and scientific information to reduce and prevent STDs. The Program Development and Quality Improvement Branch (PDQIB) is responsible for the management and oversight of programs supporting both health department STD prevention and control programs and clinical training centers as well as the wider health care community. The Branch is comprised of 3 teams: Program, Evaluation, and Clinical. It focuses on knowledge translation, continuous quality improvement, program evaluation, monitoring and technical support and assistance to funded programs. The Branch also provides support to the DSTDP's response to congenital syphilis.

In response to rising syphilis rates in the United States, CDC released a Call to Action: "Let's work together to stem the tide of rising syphilis rates in the United States" in April 2017 (https://www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/syphiliscalltoactionapril2017.pdf). DSTDP is engaged in several activities to address CS including working with national partners and state/local health departments to: improve congenital syphilis data through enhanced data collection tools to capture risk factor information; strengthen CS morbidity and mortality case review boards; develop CS prevention guidelines for health care providers and health departments; identify system level changes to improve effective screening and treatment; support working with state and local health departments to provide technical assistance and capacity building and; enhance clinical training. The selected Fellow will work with the Chief, PDQIB and with staff across the Division to coordinate congenital syphilis activities.

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A partial list of opportunities include:

- Assist with capacity building and support to local health departments
- Assist with coordination of stakeholder meetings
- Assist with data collection and analysis
- Assist with coordination of clinical training
- Assist with program evaluation
- Participate in a cross-disciplinary team
- Conduct literature reviews and assist with preparation of manuscripts

The selected participant will have the opportunity to learn about a range of DSTDP activities including a multi-disciplinary and multi-sector response to congenital syphilis. The selected participant will also have the opportunity to learn about program evaluation in the field of STD prevention, conduct literature reviews, develop new data analysis skills, and participate in the process of collecting evaluation data.

The Fellow will gain experience in STD prevention and control, evaluation research, working on a multi-sector response to congenital syphilis, learning about community based participatory research, literature review and synthesis and the use of both quantitative and qualitative methods for synthesizing diverse findings to formulate recommendations.

This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and CDC. The initial appointment is for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC contingent on the availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. The appointment is full-time at CDC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Participants do not become employees of CDC, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

Qualifications

• Master’s or doctoral degree in behavioral and social sciences, public health, psychology or a similar field received within the last five years is required.
• Experience collecting and analyzing qualitative data is preferred.
• Experience using qualitative research software is desired.
• Experience conducting structured literature reviews is desired.
• Experience with basic program evaluation data collection and analysis methods (including document reviews, logic models, key informant interviews and evaluation reporting) is required.
• Experience with coordination of clinical training and meetings is desired.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (1 👁)

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- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (3 👁)