

Opportunity Title: Program Development and Quality Improvement Branch Fellow

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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 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 (CDC 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 selected fellow will work on two main projects with the Evaluation and Clinical Teams.

Evaluation of Community Approaching to Reducing STDS (CARS)

PDQIB has access to qualitative and quantitative data sources to help glean social determinants of health to youth at risk for STDs and effective community engagement approaches. STD-related program evaluation studies that make use of these data are planned.

Evaluation topics may include:

- Assess the implementation of the Community Approaches to Reducing STDs (CARS) community engagement approach to address and how disparate communities prioritize social determinants of health for STD prevention.
- Determine how disparate communities prioritize social determinants of health for STD prevention, utilizing practical application of the social interdependence theory.



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- Identify effective communication and retention strategies for community advisory groups.

Implementation of DSTDP's Recommendations for Providing Quality STD Clinical Services

PDQIB has a draft document on Recommendations for Providing Quality STD Clinical Services. These recommendations focus on clinical operations and will serve as a complement to the CDC Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines. The main objectives of the document are to define levels of STD care and outline minimum services offered by each level to support STD clinics in providing high quality and appropriate care. Implementation of these recommendations will include working with local STD clinics to pilot the use of the Recommendations.

A partial list of responsibilities includes:

- Assist with development of a tool to assess levels of care in STD clinics.
- Assist with piloting assessment tool
- Assist with data collection and analysis
- Coordinate STD clinic learning collaboratives to implement recommendations
- Conduct literature reviews and assist with preparation of manuscripts
- Other responsibilities related to STD clinic operations

The Fellow will gain experience in STD prevention and control, evaluation research, 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. The Fellow will also gain experience about the operations of STD clinics and the STD Treatment Guidelines.

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, Psychology, Public Health or a related field received within the last five years.
 - Experience collecting and analyzing qualitative data is preferred.
 - Experience using qualitative research software is desired.
 - Experience conducting structured literature reviews is desired.

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- 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).
- **Academic Level(s):** Postdoctoral or Post-Master's.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([1](#) 👁)
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([3](#) 👁)