

**Opportunity Title:** Health Equity Fellowships - DHHS

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**Organization** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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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 [HHSrpp@orau.org](mailto:HHSrpp@orau.org). Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

**Description** A research fellowship opportunity is currently available in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of the Director (OD), in Rockville, MD.

OMH (<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov>) aims to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that help to eliminate health disparities; advise the Secretary on the developed policies and programs; and serve as the DHHS focal point for leadership, policy exchange, and coalition and partnership-building. OMH meets its mission and objectives by fostering partnerships and implementing activities in the following areas: Awareness; Data; Partnerships and Networks; Policies, Programs and Practices; and Research, Demonstrations, and Evaluation.

OMH's strategic priorities include:

- Supporting initiatives and programs that provide access to quality health care.
- Implementing the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. The Office of Minority Health is leading the charge to put the HHS Disparities Action Plan into practice.
- Coordinating the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities and the National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health.

Additionally, OMH supports the implementation of the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care (National CLAS Standards) to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities.

Specifically, the selected participant will be involved with coordinating the outreach efforts for these programs. These activities will involve providing research, evaluation, writing and technical support in the planning, development, and continued implementation of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA) program, a public-private initiative that seeks to eliminate health disparities and attain health equity. Targeted



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efforts of the program aim to mobilize a nationwide, comprehensive, community-driven, and sustained approach to combat health disparities and move the nation toward achieving health equity. The NPA's mission is to increase the effectiveness of programs that target the elimination of health disparities through the coordination of partners, leaders, and stakeholders committed to action.

The participant will be involved in a wide range of research activities pertinent to the development and implementation of the NPA program policies, processes, and strategies that aim to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity. As part of the research fellowship, the participant will gain knowledge of the federal government and experience in the development of public health policies, programs and partnerships.

Under the guidance of a mentor, ORISE fellows may have the opportunity to be involved in the following activities:

- Researching and synthesizing information on topics such as promising practices for promoting health equity through systematic change, systematic approaches for assessing equity impacts of policies, and promising practices for reducing health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations.
- Providing general research and technical support on a variety of topics related to health disparities.
- Gathering, analyzing, and reporting data describing policies, protocols, program data, and/or other evaluative information.
- Supporting the coordination and implementation of special projects, programs and initiatives based on new or existing partnerships with other federal and community partners.
- With the guidance of a mentor, reviewing and learning how to recommend improvements to program standards, policies, strategies, goals, and measure to assess program performance.
- Supporting the development team for program evaluation and other research protocols to address specific program and/or policy implementation or other research questions.
- Drafting, reviewing, and supporting the coordination of project/program proposals and scopes of work to ensure alignment with HHS and OMH strategic priorities.
- Drafting, reviewing, and preparing reporting materials that accurately reflect HHS outcomes and clearly demonstrate the impact of the programs, initiatives, and policies on the health status of racial and ethnic minority populations, particularly young adults.






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 HHS. The initial appointment can be up to one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of HHS 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 HHS in

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the Rockville, Maryland, area. Participants do not become employees of HHS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

- Qualifications**
- A master's degree in a science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) field, or in public health, public policy, public administration, social work or political science, received within the last five years.
  - Knowledge in evaluation and research, analytics, and communication (oral and written) is desired.

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([16](#) )
    - **Engineering** ([27](#) )
    - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([1](#) )
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([45](#) )
    - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) )