

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Health Communications Fellowship with the National Firefighter Registry

**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-NIOSH-2019-0116



**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
- 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.

If you have questions, send an email to [ORISE.CDC.NIOSH@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.CDC.NIOSH@orau.org). Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

**Application  
Deadline**

6/10/2019 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description**

**\*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.**

A research opportunity is currently available with the Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluations, and Field Studies (DSHEFS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The National Firefighter Registry is a voluntary registry of firefighters to improve the nationwide monitoring of cancer rates among firefighters and to make the resulting epidemiological information and analysis publicly available. The primary purpose of the registry will be for determining cancer incidence and trends among firefighters. A critical component of the Registry is communication with stakeholders and the fire service. The selected candidate will collaborate with the Registry Team to develop clear messaging to raise awareness and understanding of the Firefighter Registry and deliver that messaging through various channels frequented by fire service members.

Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will be trained in the following activities:

- Review the scope and reach of fire service-related content on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Create a social media engagement strategy informed by the review to assist with recruitment efforts
- Conduct a focus group with firefighters with the goal of identifying points of confusion regarding the Registry and to develop messaging that clears up these points of confusion
- Produce a short promotional video providing an overview of the Firefighter Registry to increase awareness and understanding of the project
- Develop promotional handouts like pamphlets, brochures, slides, and/or fliers to be shared with fire departments, stakeholders, and external researchers

Learning objectives:

- Gain experience utilizing health communications skills to support a real-world, high-profile public health project
- Gain experience in communication of occupational health research activities
- Gain experience in interacting with high-profile stakeholders such as fire service leadership and the media
- Gain experience in a federal research environment

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date: June 10, 2019**

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 can be up to 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 Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Participants do not become employees of CDC, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-

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related benefits.






## Qualifications

The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields, or be currently pursuing the degree and will reach completion by the start date of the appointment. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Experience working with different social media platforms
- Familiarity with web design
- Experience facilitating focus groups
- Interest in occupational health research

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 6/10/2019 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 )
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (1 )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (45 )
  - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (5 )
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (28 )