



**Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship
Opportunity Announcement**
Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch

Announcement Title

Health Communication Fellowship in Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences, 2012

Introduction

The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) is within the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences. BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research ranging from basic behavioral research to the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in areas such as tobacco use, screening, dietary behavior, and sun protection. BRP increases the breadth, depth, and quality of behavioral research in cancer prevention and control through its six [Branches](#). For more information about the BRP mission and structure, please see <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp>.

BRP is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship position in the [Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch \(BBPSB\)](#). BBPSB advances research in biobehavioral mechanisms and psychological processes to reduce cancer risk and improve outcomes.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral research and basic biobehavioral and psychological sciences. CRTA Fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, and cancer prevention, as well as with various extramural scientists at the National Cancer Institute and across the National Institutes of Health.

Position Description

The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of the staff and work directly with scientists on projects related to the BBPSB [research priorities](#). The CRTA Fellow's key functionality will be to serve as the Branch Communication Liaison to prepare informational requests, develop written material, and oversee dissemination strategies. Day-to-day activities include, but are not limited to:

- Maintain the BBPSB website and factsheets;
- Conduct interviews and contribute to media articles;
- Events planning and project management;
- Review and research primary scientific sources.

Additionally, the Fellow may have the opportunity to travel to National Conferences, such as annual meetings of the American Psychological Association or Society for Behavioral Medicine.

Qualifications

- Master degree in science writing, health communication, public health, or a related discipline, with a specific interest in behavioral science is required. Candidates with a Bachelor degree and 5+ years of relevant and applied experience may also be considered.
- Very strong communication and writing skills; experience developing content for websites preferred.
- Experience with multimedia (e.g., podcasts, videos, social media) preferred.
- Excellent academic standing and professional references.
- Excellent organizational and project management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and in teams.

Application Requirements



National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

To be considered for this position, the following materials must be received by the Application Deadline:

1. Cover letter (provide an explanation of your interest in the BBPSB Fellowship and explain your professional development goals and research interests)
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. A writing sample
5. Proof of citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
6. Official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing (transcript of highest Degree conferred; Proof of Academic Good Standing on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent)

Application materials may be submitted via email to Donna Hopkins at: hopkinsd@mail.nih.gov; paper copies and official transcripts and/ or proof of academic good standing must be mailed to:

Ms. Donna Hopkins
ATTN: BBPSB CRTA
Behavioral Research Program
6130 Executive Blvd., Rockville MD 20892

Application Deadline

This announcement will remain active until the position is successfully filled.

Start Date

Earliest possible start date is September 1, 2012

Stipend and Benefits

This position is a one-year full-time Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship. There is a possibility for a renewal. The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. More information is available online at: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/stipend.html>. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland, close to the bustling metropolis of Bethesda, and near downtown DC.

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You are encouraged to contact current and past Fellows, Mentors, and other staff members. Please visit <http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp> to learn more about our network of mentorship and collaboration.