



Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Behavioral Research Program

Announcement Title

Statistical Analysis, Measurement and Informatics Fellowship in Behavioral Research

Introduction

The National Cancer Institute's Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences seeks to recruit a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow. BRP is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for this fellowship position in the [Science of Research and Technology Branch \(SRTB\)](#). For more information about the BRP mission and structure, please see: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/index.html>.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral medicine, statistical analysis, measurement and informatics. CRTA Fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, cancer prevention, and various extramural scientists at NCI and other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health.

Position Description

The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of SRTB and work directly with scientists on projects related to its mission. Areas of research include statistical methodology, especially with population data related to behavioral outcomes (e.g., tobacco use, diet and nutrition, communication), and innovative development and use of scientific measures. Day-to-day activities might include, but are not limited to:

- conducting literature reviews;
- performing data analyses and contributing to scientific manuscripts;
- writing reports and presenting findings;
- providing content for websites;
- assisting with several informatics-based projects;
- analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in the development of funding initiatives;
- participating in staff meetings and attending lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

Additionally, the Fellow is encouraged to initiate and develop his or her own projects, and may have the opportunity to travel for NCI to National conferences, such as the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the American Psychological Association, or the American Public Health Association.

Qualifications

- Master's degree with a behavioral/social science and/or quantitative background is preferred.
- A strong interest in statistical methodology, measurement and informatics.

- Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project.
- Data management skills (proficiency with programs like EXCEL).
- Analytic skills and experience with statistical software such as SPSS and SAS.
- Experience with measure development.
- Excellent academic standing.
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently and on research teams.

Application Requirements

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 BRP Fellowship Program. Explain your professional development goals and research interests.
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Proof of Citizenship - Photocopy of Birth Certificate or Passport.
5. Official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing - Send transcript of highest Degree conferred. If currently enrolled in school, Proof of Academic Good Standing must be sent on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent.

Application materials may be submitted via email to Joan Harris at: harrisjoan@od.nih.gov; paper copies and official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing must be mailed to:

Ms. Joan A. Harris
Behavioral Research Program
6130 Executive Blvd. Rockville, MD 20892-7326

The National Cancer Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Deadline

November 1, 2012 (or until filled)

Approximate Start Date

January 15, 2013

Stipend and Benefits

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/about/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.

Contact

The Fellowship Mentor for this position will be:

[Richard P. Moser, PhD](#)

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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.