



Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Behavioral Research Program

Announcement Title

Tobacco Control Fellow in Health Communication/Research Assistant

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 Tobacco Control Research Branch. For more information about BRP mission and structure, please see: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/index.html>; TCRB information can be found here: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/tcrb/>.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral medicine and tobacco control research. 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 TCRB and work directly with scientists on projects related to the TCRB mission. Areas of research include international tobacco control, state and community tobacco control policy and media interventions, and tobacco industry document research. Day-to-day activities might include conducting literature reviews; performing data analyses and preparing scientific manuscripts; aiding in the development of funding initiatives; analyzing the research portfolio; participating in staff meetings; and attending lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, the Fellow may have opportunities 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 for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Society of Behavioral Medicine, the American Psychological Association, or the American Public Health Association. The fellow will also have opportunities to work on projects in other branches of the Behavioral Research Program.

Qualifications

- MPH, PhD, or equivalent degree in public health, health education, epidemiology, health behavior, health communication, or related discipline.
- A strong interest in tobacco control and behavioral science research.
- Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project
- Data management skills (proficiency with EXCEL and statistical software packages is preferred)
- Superior academic achievement, typically of cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- 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 focus.
2. Other Relevant Work or Life Experience
Describe your experience in tobacco control research.
3. Resume or CV
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Proof of Citizenship
Photocopy of Birth Certificate or Passport
6. 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 rebecca.minneman@nih.gov; paper copies and official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing must be mailed to:

Ms. Rebecca Minneman
Presidential Management Fellow
Tobacco Control Research Branch, National Cancer Institute
6130 Executive Blvd. Rockville, MD 20892-7326

The National Cancer Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Deadline

November 1, 2012

Start Date

January 2, 2013 (negotiable)

Stipend and Benefits

The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. The stipend range for the initial appointment of a Master's degree CRTA Fellow is \$33,000-45,000, based on years of relevant postdoctoral research experience. The stipend range for the initial appointment of a doctoral degree CRTA Fellow is \$45,000 - \$71,000, based on years of relevant postdoctoral research 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.

Contact

The Fellowship Mentor for this position will be:

Erik Augustson, PhD, MPH
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To learn more about the BRP Fellowship experience, please see our online staff directory at: (<http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp/prgmStaffHome.do>) You are encouraged to contact current and past Fellows, Mentors, and other staff members.