

## Fellowship Supporting a National Tobacco Cessation Digital Intervention

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### ABOUT THE BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

The National Cancer Institute's Behavioral Research Program (BRP) is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship opportunity with the [Smokefree.gov](https://smokefree.gov) initiative in the Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB). For more information about BRP's mission and structure, including information about TCRB, see <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/>.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in the implementation of a federal mHealth smoking cessation intervention and research initiative that supports program activities and contributes to the tobacco control scientific literature.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The CRTA fellow will function as part of a multidisciplinary team of federal staff, contractors, and external scientists who plan and implement Smokefree.gov activities and research. Smokefree.gov's multiplatform intervention (online, text, app, social media) provides smokers with evidence-based cessation support for their immediate and long-term needs. It also includes information to meet the unique cessation support needs of pregnant women, teens, LGBT youth, veterans, Spanish-speakers, and older adults. Day-to-day activities may include:

- Conducting literature reviews or environmental scans;
- Drafting moderator guides;
- Performing data analyses;
- Scientific writing for federal and other stakeholders;
- Developing consumer-focused cessation content for online or social media platforms or promotion; and
- Contributing to manuscripts for peer-reviewed journal publications.



To learn more about BRP fellows, see our directory at [cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpfellows](http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpfellows). Potential applicants are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members.

The fellow will be encouraged to initiate projects that align with the goals of the initiative and to explore project opportunities in other BRP branches. The fellow may also have opportunities to travel to national scientific conferences.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- M.P.H. or M.A. or equivalent in health communication, health behavior or education, or a related discipline
- A strong interest in tobacco control and behavioral science communication or research
- Exemplary ability and experience in writing for scientific and consumer audiences
- 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 cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to work independently and as part of a research team

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter — Provide an explanation of your interest in the Smokefree.gov initiative, mHealth and emerging technologies, and tobacco control. Explain your professional development goals and how you hope this fellowship will help toward achieving them.
2. Other relevant work or life experience — Describe your experience in public health, tobacco control, or smoking cessation communications or research.
3. Resume or CV
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Proof of U.S. citizenship or resident alien status — e.g., 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.

Materials should be submitted via email to Meredith Grady at [meredithgrady@nih.gov](mailto:meredithgrady@nih.gov) and to BRP at [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov); paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing must be mailed to:

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## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND START DATE

This announcement will remain active until the position has been filled. Start date is June 2019 (negotiable).

## STIPEND AND BENEFITS

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-level CRTA fellow is \$34,300 - \$45,100 based on years of relevant research experience. Learn more at <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/research/stipend.html>.

Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in Rockville, Maryland, and is easily accessible by car or public transportation from surrounding locations in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

## PROGRAM CONTACT

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