

Cancer Research Training Award Opportunity Announcement Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch Fellowship

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The Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB) is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship position.

About HCIRB

HCIRB is part of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Behavioral Research Program (BRP), which is housed within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). The Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch advances research on the process and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum. HCIRB is dedicated to advancing and funding cancer communication research with the goals of improving public understanding of cancer-relevant information, enhancing patient-provider-caregiver interactions, improving team communication within and between health care systems, bridging the gap between clinical and public health messaging, and translating research into clinical and public health practice.

Position Description

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral research relevant to cancer control and population sciences. CRTA Fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral science, health communication, psychological sciences, cancer care delivery, epidemiology and genomics, and cancer surveillance.

The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of the branch and work directly with NCI staff, contractors, and academic collaborators to manage and analyze data, including the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS), and support and participate in program related responsibilities. Experience developing and executing analytical plans for large data sets, interpreting results, and presenting results in oral and written communications is required. Proficiency in SPSS, SAS or STATA and/or a background or interest in mixed methods research is preferred.

Day-to-day activities include, but are not limited to:

- Managing program-related initiatives which include communications activities, data collection, and project management;
- Conducting literature reviews and synthesizing scientific content;
- Developing analytical plans and performing data analyses using SPSS, SAS and/or STATA;
- Interpreting results from analyses and presenting those data;
- Contributing to scientific manuscripts, reports, and presentations;
- Analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in the development of emergent research areas; and
- Participating in HCIRB scientific meetings and Division and Program wide meetings.

The Fellow may also have the opportunity to attend national scientific conferences to present research results generated during the fellowship.

Qualifications

- Ph.D., or equivalent degree, in disciplines such as health communication, behavioral science, public health, quantitative methods/psychology, or health psychology (*a candidate with a Master's degree with advanced training or certification in quantitative methods or strong theoretical background may also be considered*);
- A strong interest in statistical analysis of secondary data sources;

- Proficiency in statistical software such as SPSS, SAS or STATA;
- Proficiency in literature searches and synthesis;
- Evidence of high potential for independent and collaborative scholarship;
- Evidence of strong writing and communication skills;
- Excellent academic standing and professional record;
- Excellent organizational and project management skills; and
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and in teams.

A highly competitive applicant will be a self-starter who can take initiative and play a major role within a research team to develop new projects and bring multiple ongoing projects to completion.

Application Requirements

1. Cover letter describing your interest in this fellowship, your professional development and research goals, and your earliest available start date;
2. Resume or curriculum vitae;
3. Two signed letters of reference on official letterhead;
4. At least one peer-reviewed publication that demonstrates analytic proficiency and interpretation of results;
5. Proof of U.S. citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport);
6. Official transcript of highest degree conferred; and
7. Proof of academic good standing if currently enrolled (on official letterhead signed by advisor or equivalent).

Application materials may be submitted via email to Riante Jones at riante.jones@nih.gov.

Paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing must be mailed to:

Mr. Riante Jones, ATTN: HCIRB CRTA
Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch, Behavioral Research Program
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute
9609 Medical Center Drive, room 3E-202
Rockville, MD 20850-9761

Application Deadline and Position Start Date

This announcement will remain active until filled. The earliest possible start date is **May 1, 2018**.

Stipend and Benefits

This position is a one-year, full-time Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship with a possibility for renewal. The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. More information is available online at: cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/research/stipend.html. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development activities.

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