

Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship with the Health Behaviors Research Branch

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The Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB) is seeking a fellow to work in innovative, interdisciplinary health behavior research. HBRB is part of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Behavioral Research Program, which is housed within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences.

Introduction

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. Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral science, health communication, psychological sciences, cancer care delivery, epidemiology and genomics, and cancer surveillance.

Position Description

Creative, self-starters with a Ph.D. or master's degree—from a wide range of diverse disciplinary backgrounds, including artificial intelligence, anthropology, machine learning, implementation science, marketing, behavioral medicine, organizational science, computational modeling, among others—are encouraged to apply. Candidates should be interested in applying their expertise to help advance interdisciplinary behavioral and social science research in cancer prevention and control.



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.

The CRTA fellow will function as a member of HBRB and will work directly with scientists on projects related to its mission. Areas of research include a broad range of approaches used to address cancer-related behaviors (e.g., tobacco use, diet and nutrition, sleep, alcohol, medication adherence, communication) and associated factors (e.g., genetics, affect, family, environment, culture, policy) to advance behavioral and social science for cancer prevention and control. CRTAs are often involved in initiatives relating to early phase translation or the development, testing, and implementation of integrated, multi-level strategies to support individual and population health. Day-to-day activities vary based on the fellow's level of expertise and interests and include, but are not limited to:

- performing data analyses and contributing to scientific manuscripts
- conducting literature reviews
- writing journal articles and reports and presenting findings at scientific conferences
- providing content for websites
- assisting with the creation of funding opportunities
- analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in the development of priority concepts
- convening experts to inform and collaborate on key program projects
- participating in staff, workgroup, and taskforce 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 to national conferences as relevant to personal or branch projects.

Qualifications

Candidates with a master's, Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a broad range of areas will be considered for this position. Candidates should have a strong interest in applying their expertise to support the HBRB mission. Candidates also must demonstrate strong organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills. Effective interpersonal skills and an openness to working in new areas are required as HBRB activities frequently involve novel interdisciplinary, collaborative, team-based efforts. The successful applicant must be a self-starter who is comfortable taking initiative and who can play a major role in completing several projects.

Application Requirements

1. Cover letter describing your interest in the fellowship, career goals, and how you will contribute to the HBRB mission;
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 should be submitted via email to **Kimberly Woodhouse** at: kimberly.woodhouse@nih.gov; paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing must be mailed to:

Kimberly Woodhouse, ATTN: Health Behaviors Research Branch Fellowship
Health Behaviors Research Branch, Behavioral Research Program
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute
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Application Deadline and Position Start Date

Negotiable, but preferably summer or fall of 2018

Stipend and Benefits

This position is a one-year, full-time 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. The office is in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland, close to the bustling metropolis of Bethesda and about 20 miles from downtown DC.

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