



Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship in the Health Behaviors Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a health behaviors Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship. The CRTA fellowship is a one-year appointment with the Health Behaviors Research Branch (HBRB), Behavioral Research Program, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (<http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hbrb/index.html>).

This is a full-time position based in Rockville, Maryland, and it provides an outstanding opportunity for training and professional development in health behaviors and cancer control research. The position will allow the fellow to interact with a large number of internal and extramural scientists who work in disciplines that include nutrition, behavioral sciences, obesity prevention, physical activity, skin cancer prevention, gene-environment interactions, and behavioral genetics.

Position Description

The fellow will be a member of HBRB and work directly with scientists on projects related to the HBRB mission. Areas of research include obesity prevention, nutrition and physical activity, behavioral intervention and assessment, skin cancer prevention, behavioral genetics, and gene-behavior interactions. Candidates with expertise in skin cancer prevention and/or alcohol use, in addition to a strong general background in multiple health behaviors, are especially encouraged to apply. The fellow will be involved in data analyses of the Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health and Eating (FLASHE) survey and other data sets. Day-to-day activities might include writing literature reviews; leading and assisting the preparation of scientific manuscripts, presentations, and branch communication activities; and attending lectures and other training opportunities sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, fellows may initiate and develop their own research projects.

Qualifications

- M.P.H., M.S., Ed.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in public health, behavioral sciences, nutrition, psychology, genetics/gene-behavior interactions, or related disciplines (Pre-doctoral or post-doctoral status candidates will be considered.)
- Strong interest in health behaviors specifically focused in skin cancer prevention, nutrition, physical activity, gene-behavior interactions, or behavioral genetics
- Experience conducting research and quantitative data analyses
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and on research teams



Application Requirements

- A cover letter with an explanation of interest and experience in health behaviors research, including a statement explaining how you see the CRTA position furthering your career goals
- Two letters of reference from supervisors or professors signed and on letterhead with email addresses and phone numbers included (If signed letters are unavailable electronically, an initial unsigned version is acceptable with the remainder of the application package; however, a signed copy must follow by mail to the address below.)
- CV or resume
- Graduate transcripts (If an official transcript is unavailable, an unofficial transcript is acceptable; however, an official transcript must follow by mail to the address below.)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)

Application materials may be submitted by email to pernafm@mail.nih.gov; paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing must be mailed via postal delivery to:

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The National Cancer Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Stipend and Benefits

The CRTA stipends are commensurate with education and relevant experience and are adjusted yearly. The stipend range for the initial appointment of a fellow with a doctoral degree is \$46,000 – 72,000 or \$34,000 – 45,000 with a master's degree. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development activities. The office is located in commuter-friendly Rockville.

Start Date

March 15, 2016 (negotiable)

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until the vacancy has been filled.

To learn more about the BRP Fellowship experience, please see our online staff directory at: <http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp/prgmStaffHome.do?grpld=52813&ppld=1177862&cpld=142144,1421417>. You are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members.