

Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Announcement Title

Fellow in Tobacco Cessation and mHealth Resources and Research

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 with the Smokefree.gov Initiative in the Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB). For more information about the BRP mission and structure, please see: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/index.html>. To learn more about the Smokefree.gov Initiative, visit <http://smokefree.gov>; and TCRB information can be found here: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/index.html>.

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. 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 (NIH).

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 (online, text, app, social media) program provides smokers with evidence-based cessation support for their immediate and long-term needs. The program also includes information to meet the unique cessation support needs of pregnant women, teens, LGBT youth, military veterans, Spanish-speakers, and older adults. Day-to-day activities may include conducting literature reviews or environmental scans; drafting moderator guides; performing data analyses; developing cessation content for online or social media platforms or promotion; contributing to reports or manuscripts; participating in team meetings; and, attending lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by the NIH. The Fellow is encouraged to initiate projects that support the goals of the Initiative, and may have the opportunity to travel to national scientific conferences. The Fellow is also encouraged to explore project opportunities in other branches of the Behavioral Research Program.

Qualifications

- MPH or MA, or equivalent degree in health communication, health behavior or education, or a related discipline
- A strong interest in tobacco control and behavioral science communication or 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 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

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 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
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 meredith.grady@nih.gov; paper copies and official transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing must be mailed via regular postal delivery to:

Ms. Meredith Grady
NCI/TCRB
9609 Medical Center Drive, MSC 9761
Bethesda, MD 20892-7337

The National Cancer Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Start Date: mid-May, 2017 (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 \$35,000 - \$46,000, based on years of relevant research experience. More information is available online 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, DC.

Contact

The Fellowship Mentor for this position will be:

Erik Augustson, PhD, MPH

Lead, Smokefree.gov Initiative; Tobacco Control Research Branch/Behavioral Research Program

To learn more about the BRP Fellowship experience, please see our online staff directory at:

<https://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp/prgmStaffList.do?listCodeId=52814&listType=stf>. You are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members.