

## Health Communication Fellowship in Behavioral Research

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### ABOUT THE BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

The National Cancer Institute is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship in health communication in the [Behavioral Research Program \(BRP\)](https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp). The program initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research including basic behavioral and psychological science as well as the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in cancer prevention and control areas such as tobacco use, diet and energy balance, and sun protection. For more information about the BRP mission and structure, please see [cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp](https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp).

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will provide an outstanding opportunity for training and professional development in behavioral research and health communication.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The CRTA fellow will function as a staff member in the Office of the Associate Director and will work on communication projects to support four program branches in the areas of cancer-related health behaviors (diet, exercise, energy balance, sun protection); biopsychosocial processes of cancer-related behaviors; tobacco control; and health communication research and decision science in cancer control. Specific duties include:

- Writing and editing content for newsletters, scientific briefs, fact sheets, meetings, reports, social media, and website;
- Creating presentations and informing content for digital platforms;
- Designing infographics and other visual elements for various communication channels and projects;
- Maintaining website content and informing redesign decisions;
- Developing and implementing a digital communication strategy for the program;
- Implementing dissemination plans for branch initiatives, meetings, and projects;
- Coordinating webinars, scientific conferences, and special events; and
- Serving as project manager on various scientific workgroups, meetings, events, and projects.



To learn more about the BRP fellows, please see our online staff directory at [cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpfellows](https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brpfellows).

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree or equivalent in communication, journalism, public health, behavioral science, or public administration.
- Strong interest in cancer prevention, cancer control, and behavioral research.
- Two or more years of work experience in science writing/editing, strategic communication, and/or social media. Design and/or analytics experience is a plus.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and in teams.
- Excellent organizational skills and experience managing multiple projects.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter describing your interest in this fellowship, your professional background, and your career development goals;
2. Resume or curriculum vitae;
3. Two professional letters of reference on official letterhead;
4. A writing sample not to exceed 3 pages (a selection of a larger submission is fine);
5. Proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status (photocopy of birth certificate, passport, or permanent resident card);
6. Official transcript of highest degree conferred; and
7. Proof of academic good standing if currently enrolled (on official letterhead signed by adviser or equivalent).

Application materials may be submitted via email to Joan Becker at [beckerj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:beckerj@mail.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

This announcement will remain active until the position has been filled.

## 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](http://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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