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Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Cancer Research Training Award Post-Doctoral Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Announcement Title:

Health Communication and Informatics Research Post-Doctoral Fellow

Introduction

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. The Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch is a part of the Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences. BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research ranging from basic behavioral research to the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in areas such as tobacco use, screening, dietary behavior, and sun protection. Please visit the [BRP website](#) for more information about the program's work. HCIRB advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum.

Position Description

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral and communication science. CRTA fellows interact daily with intramural researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, and cancer prevention and with various extramural scientists at the National Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health.

The CRTA fellow will function as a member of the team and work on projects directly related to the HCIRB [research priorities](#). Specific areas of research might include: communication inequalities, health literacy, health journalism and media effects, social media, and design and evaluation of multilevel health communication interventions. Day-to-day activities often include literature reviews, data analyses and scientific manuscript preparation, and portfolio analysis. Fellows are encouraged to initiate their own research projects under the mentorship of program directors. They also have the opportunity to travel to scientific conferences.

Qualifications

- Ph.D., Sc.D., Dr.P.H. or equivalent degree in public health, communication, behavioral and social sciences, or a related discipline (Doctoral candidates who are ABD at time of application should indicate anticipated graduation date and have degree awarded by position start date.)
- A strong interest in multidisciplinary cancer control and prevention research
- Experience conducting independent research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project
- Data analysis and management skills (proficiency with statistical software packages is required)
- Superior academic achievement, typically a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently and on a research team



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Application Requirements

1. Cover letter (provide an explanation of your interest in the fellowship and explain your professional development goals and research interests)
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation (must be signed and on letterhead)
4. One writing sample
5. Proof of citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
6. Official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing (transcript of highest degree conferred or proof of academic good standing on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, adviser, or equivalent)

The National Cancer Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application materials may be submitted via email to Riante Jones at riante.jones@nih.gov. Paper copies and official transcripts must be mailed to:

Riante Jones
Program Support Specialist
Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB)
National Cancer Institute
9609 Medical Center Drive, 3E624
Bethesda, MD 20892 MSC 9761
(use Rockville, MD 20850 for FedEx, UPS and other private carriers)

Application Deadline

This announcement will remain active until the position is successfully filled.

Start Date

July 1, 2016 (negotiable)

Stipend and Benefits

This position is a one-year, full-time CRTA fellowship. There is a possibility for another one-year renewal. [Stipends](#) are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities.

Branch Contact

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*You are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members.
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