

## Postdoctoral Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship with the Behavioral Research Program

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### Introduction

The National Cancer Institute's Behavioral Research Program (BRP) seeks to address key psychological and behavioral targets across the cancer control continuum. The program initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research to increase the breadth, depth, and quality of behavioral research in cancer prevention and control.

**BRP is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a postdoctoral Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship. Candidates with expertise in dyadic relationships and social processes are encouraged to apply.**

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in basic biobehavioral, psychological, and behavioral sciences research. CRTA fellows interact daily with researchers in cancer prevention and control, behavioral and psychological sciences, epidemiology, and public health.

### Position Description

The CRTA fellow will function as a member of BRP and will work directly with scientists to advance the research priorities of the program. The fellowship will focus on relational and dyadic influences on cancer risk and preventive behaviors, such as diet, physical activity, sun safety, and smoking. The fellow will help lead the development of a survey that seeks to evaluate social, relational, cultural, psychological, environmental, and sociodemographic factors associated with cancer risk and preventive behaviors among romantic, co-habiting dyads. The fellow will also participate in research teams to plan, develop, and implement scientific projects related to dyadic processes in cancer risk and prevention behaviors.

Examples of dyadic processes that may be examined within the context of cancer risk and preventive behaviors include:

- Intimacy, satisfaction, and relationship functioning;
- Distress, conflict, and aggression;
- Time spent with partner, enjoyment of time spent with partner, and activities within the relationship;
- Social support, social norms, social control, and power; and
- Communication, emotional expression, and emotion co-regulation.



*Candidates are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members. Visit [staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp](http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp) to learn more about our network of mentorship and collaboration.*

Day-to-day activities include but are not limited to:

- Helping to coordinate survey development with internal and external stakeholders;
- Leading or assisting with the planning and execution of workshops, meetings, and webinars;
- Developing survey instruments and facilitating the cognitive testing and validation process;
- Conducting literature reviews and synthesizing scientific content;
- Collaborating on web- or laboratory-based experiments;
- Analyzing the research grants portfolio;
- Extracting data from published articles for meta-analyses;
- Performing data analyses for scientific manuscripts, reports, and presentations; and
- Authoring manuscripts based on completed data analyses.

## Qualifications

- Ph.D. or equivalent degree in psychology, behavioral science, methodology, or a related field with a strong interest in relationships and dyadic processes
- Experience or interest in examining dyadic processes in the context of cancer risk and preventive behaviors
- Skills in research design and statistics and experience or interest in learning dyadic methods and learning survey methods
- Excellent academic standing (and post-degree professional record, if applicable)
- Excellent organizational and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and on teams

## Application Requirements

1. Cover letter describing your research interests, your career goals, and why you would be a successful fellow
2. Resume or curriculum vitae
3. Two signed letters of reference on official letterhead
4. Proof of U.S. citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
5. Doctoral degree, official transcripts, and/or proof of good academic standing on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent

Application materials should be submitted via email to Donna Hopkins at [donna.hopkins@nih.gov](mailto:donna.hopkins@nih.gov). Paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of good academic standing must be mailed to:

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Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute  
9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 3E202  
Rockville, MD 20850-9761

### Application Deadline and Position Start Date

This announcement will remain active until the position is successfully filled.  
The earliest possible start date is September 1, 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](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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