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Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Behavioral Research Program

Announcement Title

Behavioral Methods, Theory and Technology Fellowship, May 2014

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 in the [Science of Research and Technology Branch \(SRTB\)](#). For more information about the BRP mission and structure, please see: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/index.html>.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in behavioral medicine, theory enhancement, research methods and analytics, and the use of technology. CRTA Fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, cancer prevention, and various extramural scientists at the National Cancer Institute and other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health.

Position Description

The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of SRTB and work directly with scientists on projects related to its mission. Areas of research include behavioral research methods and analytics (including the use of technology), theory testing and enhancement; and team science processes, especially related to behavioral outcomes such as tobacco use, diet and nutrition, and health communication. The position will allow the applicant to collaborate with experts across diverse disciplines to advance methods, theory, and technology. Day-to-day activities may include, but are not limited to:

- conducting literature reviews and synthesizing literature (e.g., qualitatively to develop conceptual models or quantitatively to provide insights of specific effects);
- performing data analyses and contributing to scientific manuscripts, reports, and presentations;
- leading or assisting with several technology and theory-based projects, including online training content;
- analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in the development of priority concepts;
- supporting the development of systems maps (e.g., integrating health behavior constructs) and system dynamics models (e.g., testing health behavior theories); and
- organizing and participating in staff, workgroup, and task force meetings.

Additionally, the Fellow is encouraged to initiate and develop his or her own projects, and may have the opportunity to travel to National conferences, such as the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the American Psychological Association, or the American Public Health Association.

Qualifications

Candidates with a Master's, PhD, or equivalent degree in behavioral/social science research or related area will be considered. The candidate should have a strong interest and demonstrate expertise in health behavior theory; technology; and skills in both quantitative methods (e.g., system science approaches, meta-analytic techniques) and qualitative methods (e.g., focus group). The candidate must demonstrate strong organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills. Additionally, strong interpersonal skills are required as this is a collaborative, team-based



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effort. The candidate must be a self-starter who is comfortable taking the initiative and who can play a major role in helping to bring several projects to completion. Experience developing websites and managing data is desirable.

Application Requirements

To be considered for this position, the following materials must be received:

1. Cover Letter - Provide an explanation of your interest in the BRP Fellowship Program. Explain your professional development goals and research interests.
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Proof of Citizenship or resident alien status (e.g., Photocopy of Birth Certificate or Passport)
5. 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

Note: In order to qualify for the position, the candidate must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien. A candidate with an I-551 stamp in their passport can also qualify since this is temporary verification of permanent residency status pending issuance of the green card. Individuals with "Employment Authorization" documents (EADs) do not meet eligibility criteria.

Application materials may be submitted via email to Ms. Joan A. Harris at: harrisjoan@od.nih.gov; paper copies and official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing must be mailed to:

Ms. Joan A. Harris
Behavioral Research Program
9609 Medical Center Drive, MSC 9761
Room 3E536
Rockville, MD 20850

Application Deadline

This announcement will remain active until the position is filled.

Approximate Start Date

Negotiable, but preferably summer or fall of 2014

Stipend and Benefits

The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. More information is available online at: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/stipend.html>.

Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities.

Contact

The Fellowship Mentor for this position will be:

[Audie Atienza, PhD](#)

Program Director, Science of Research and Technology Branch

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To learn more about the BRP Fellowship experience, please see our [online staff directory](#). You are encouraged to contact current and past Fellows, Mentors, and other staff members.