

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Health Communications Research Opportunity -  
Emergency Risk Communication

**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-NCEH-2022-0280



**Organization** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcripts – [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts](#)
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation. Your application will be considered incomplete, and will not be reviewed until one recommendation is submitted.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

**Application Deadline** 9/15/2022 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** **\*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.**

**CDC Office and Location:** A fellowship opportunity is available within the Office of Communications of the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia; on the emergency communications team.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of the major operation components of the Department of Health and Human Services. CDC works to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are chronic or acute, curable or preventable, human error or deliberate attack, CDC fights disease and supports communities and citizens to do the same.

**Research Project:** The primary mission for NCEH/ Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is to protect people's health from environmental hazards that can be present in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the world that sustains us. The Center accomplishes this by investigating the relationship between environmental factors and health, developing guidance, and building partnerships to support healthy decision making.

**Learning Objectives:** Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will be trained and gain experience by:

- Planning, developing, and disseminating health communication products on environmental health emergency topics, including those developed for web, print, and other digital platforms
- Reviewing and creating materials to communicate findings from scientific research and activities
- Finding innovative methods and channels to reach varied audiences during emergencies
- Learning about and understanding the needs of various audiences' information needs in an emergency situation.
- Collaborating with scientists and subject matter experts to identify research products for communication materials
- Learning about and participating in a Joint Information Center during emergency responses related to environmental health, including natural disasters, and chemical or radiological disasters.
- Evaluating existing emergency risk communications materials and proposing improvements based on health communications science and clear communication.
- Identifying environmental emergency communications research gaps and opportunities; and pursuing projects based on these gaps.

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**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Vivi Siegel ([evj0@cdc.gov](mailto:evj0@cdc.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** August 15, 2022. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC and is contingent on the availability of funds.

**Level of Participation:** The appointment is full-time.

**Participant Stipend:** The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience.

**Citizenship Requirements:** This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR).

**ORISE Information:** This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and CDC. Participants do not become employees of CDC, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

The successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) requirements of the hosting facility, including but not limited to, COVID-19 requirements (e.g. facial covering, physical distancing, testing, vaccination).

**Questions:** Please visit our [Program Website](#). After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email [ORISE.CDC.NCEH@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.CDC.NCEH@orau.org) and include the reference code for this opportunity.




## Qualifications

The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- An interest in learning about and participating in the fast-paced world of emergency public health response
- Spanish language skills

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (6 )
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (6 )

## Affirmation

I certify that I have not previously been employed by CDC or by a contractor working directly for CDC. I understand that CDC does not permit individuals with a prior employment relationship with CDC or its contractors to participate as trainees in the ORISE program. (Exceptions may be granted for individuals who, since the previous CDC employment, have obtained a new STEM degree which necessitates training in a new field.)