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Organization Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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- An application
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- 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 1/31/2023 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

<u>CDC Office and Location</u>: There is a fellowship opportunity available in the Office of the Director (OD), Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR), within the Program Implementation Branch (PIB) of the Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

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.

The Program Implementation Branch (PIB) of the Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLR) supports state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments prepare to respond to disasters. PIB designs, develops and implements a range of training activities through its Applied Learning and Development Team (ALDT). ALDT consists of instructional designers, a health education and training specialist, and public health advisors to ensure training and educational activities meets CDC's quality training standards to best target the needs of state and local public health partners and the division's workforce. ALDT designs and implements training activities and resources on a range of web-based systems and programs in addition to a range of public health emergency preparedness topics.

**Research Project:** The division's Preparedness Emergency Response System for Oversight, Reporting and Management Services (PERFORMS) system is a dynamic information exchange portal that enables external public health partners to document activities based on CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement. Recipients of

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the PHEP grant use PERFORMS to document their preparedness plans and note how benchmarks have been or will be accomplished during the funding period. ALDT has recently assumed the challenge of developing and implementing systems-based training for users of PERFORMS. Training plans are needed to determine how training of the seven modules within PERFORMS are to be developed, implemented and evaluated.

The ORISE Fellow will have the opportunity to collaborate with diverse preparedness experts to apply instructional system design elements to the development of PERFORMS training and other systems and topic areas. The Fellow would have the opportunity to leverage their creativity and critical thinking skills to train in developing innovative training activities and resources that leverage Adult Learning Principles to enhance learning to broad range of the public health workforce.

In addition, the fellow will have the opportunity to learn about public health preparedness and response operations through hands on engagement, shadowing, and mentorship by a cadre of highly experienced response professionals. Preparedness and response is a far reaching discipline and the Fellow will gain exposure to a variety of content areas such as disaster epidemiology, health education, community preparedness, and medical countermeasure response activities, as well as cover wide-ranging preparedness topical areas such as infectious disease outbreaks, radiation emergencies, chemical spills, and wildfires.

**Learning Objectives**: DSLR is an exciting, fast-paced working environment and the PIB community values and promotes cohesive teamwork, technical diversity, resourcefulness, proactive collaboration, and programmatic and professional excellence. This fellowship will offer a training opportunity to further develop instructional system design skills, as well as learn about public health preparedness and response through hands-on, practical experience.

<u>Mentor(s)</u>: The mentor for this opportunity is Robert Garcia (hle1@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

<u>Anticipated Appointment Start Date</u>: October 1, 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 only.

**<u>ORISE Information</u>**: 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



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(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 <u>Program Website</u>. After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email <u>ORISE.CDC.CPR@orau.org</u> and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received a master's degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred Skills:

- Knowledge or experience in design and development of training and education
- · Experience in facilitating content to enhance learning
- · Moderate understanding of project management
- · Basic understanding of public health
- Advanced written and oral communication skills
- A creative, initiative, and collaborative mindset
- · A strong working knowledge of MS Office suite of programs

Eligibility • Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Only

### Requirements

- Discipline(s):
  - Communications and Graphics Design (1. )
  - Computer, Information, and Data Sciences (1. )

• Degree: Master's Degree received within the last 60 month(s).

- Life Health and Medical Sciences (2.)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (1. )
- 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.)