

Opportunity Title: CDC NCIRD and Morehouse School of Medicine Vaccine-Preventable Disease Internship Program – Partnerships and Health Equity Fellowship

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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.

If you have questions, send an email to ORISE.CDC.NCIRD@orau.org. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

Application Deadline 6/12/2023 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

CDC Office and Location: Fellowship opportunities are available with the Partnerships and Health Equity Branch (PHEB), within the Immunization Services Division (ISD), in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD,) 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 mission of the Immunization Services Division (ISD) is to protect individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases through provision of federal funds and contracts to purchase vaccine, the provision of technical and financial support of immunization programs, provider and public education, and evaluation and research. Within ISD is the Partnerships and Health Equity Branch (PHEB) which works with funded partners to increase vaccine equity, confidence, and demand. The Learning Community and Partnership Support (LCPS) Team within PHEB provides overarching technical assistance and capacity-building support to funded and unfunded partners to achieve immunization and health equity goals. LCPS facilitates a Learning Community and resource hub and hosts other opportunities for partners to share strategies and resources on promoting vaccine equity. LCPS is cross-cutting and supports branch-level program coordination, evaluation efforts, and partner communication.

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ISD – [Immunization Services Division | CDC](#)

Research Project: The intersection of health equity and immunization services was brought to the forefront during the COVID-19 pandemic. A considerable amount of health communications efforts in advancing vaccine equity were implemented with many documented in evidence-based research, gray literature, and mainstream media, and shared throughout the public health community as best practices or lessons learned. All the efforts need to be identified, collected and synthesized for future efforts.

LCPS is seeking up to **2** qualified and motivated candidates to support these efforts by conducting a systematic review of health communications strategies for promoting and advancing vaccine equity, gathering reports and articles in the mainstream media that document vaccine equity efforts, and creating a repository of publications and abstracts related to vaccine equity efforts to be housed in CDC and accessible to the LCPS community.

Learning Objectives: The activities listed below represent the minimum training opportunities that the fellow will complete:

- Co-lead efforts in collaborating with a CDC librarian (with input from LCPS team)
- Co-lead a research team to determine the best process for conducting the systematic review, including search strategies, search terms, and other parameters such as time period
- Identify a rigorous process for scanning the mainstream media
- Collaborate with LCPS colleagues and an ISD IT colleague to determine the best way to house a repository commiserate with CDC guidelines and meets the needs of LCPS
- Synthesize research into a systematic review and develop a PowerPoint presentation
- Author a manuscript and any other outputs (e.g., blogs, etc.) commiserate with CDC guidelines for authorship regardless of the timing of the publications relative to the internship

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is **Dr. Benita Harris** (blh4@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: **August 14, 2023.** Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

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

Level of Participation: The appointment is part-time (20 hours/week).

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

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Citizenship Requirements. This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR), and foreign nationals. Non-U.S. citizen applicants should refer to the [Guidelines for Non-U.S. Citizens Details page](#) of the program website for information about the valid immigration statuses that are acceptable for program participation.

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.NCIRD@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be a current Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) student pursuing a master's, doctoral, or medical degree in Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Medicine, Public Health, or other related disciplines and have completed at least one year, to be completed before May 31, 2023. Recent graduates from MSM will also be considered, and a degree must have been received within the past five years.

Preferred skills:

- Data Analytical/Assessment
- Applied public health practice
- Communication (oral/written)
- Community dimensions of practice
- Cultural competency
- Health Equity expertise
- Leadership and systems thinking
- Public health sciences

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 5/31/2027 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Business** ([1](#) 👁)
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) 👁)
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([2](#) 👁)
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([4](#) 👁)
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([2](#) 👁)
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([29](#) 👁)

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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.)

I certify that I am a recent graduate or a current student of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) pursuing a master's, doctoral, or medical degree in Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Medicine, Public Health, or other related disciplines and have completed at least one year, or will have completed before May 31, 2023.