

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Research Fellowship on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

**Opportunity Reference Code:** CDC-NCIPC-2023-0207

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

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- 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** 9/15/2023 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** **CDC Office and Location:** A research opportunity is currently available with the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), Research and Evaluation Branch (REB), within the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) located in Atlanta, Georgia. **Please note that the fellowship appointment is 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 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:** Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant will be involved with research related to the primary prevention of child sexual abuse. CDC defines child sexual abuse as the involvement of a child (person less than 18 years of age) in sexual activity that violates the laws or social taboos of society and that they do not fully comprehend, do not consent to or are unable to give informed consent to, or are not developmentally prepared for and cannot give consent to (<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/childsexualabuse.html>)

With support from DVP/REB subject matter experts, one (1) ORISE fellow may be asked to:

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1. Support CDC-funded research studies evaluating interventions to prevent youth- or adult-perpetrated child sexual abuse.
2. Conduct reviews and identify existing gaps and opportunities in the published research literature and leverage existing data sources on child sexual abuse (e.g., commercial sexual exploitation of children) prevention.
3. Analyze, publish, and disseminate research to increase understanding of the risk and protective factors for child sexual abuse perpetration and victimization.
4. Initiate and carry out an independent research project (e.g., systematic review, secondary data analysis) on such topics as the prevention of child sexual abuse, child abuse and neglect, or other adverse childhood experiences.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Increase understanding of evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention programs, policies, and practices targeting multiple levels of influence (e.g., individual, interpersonal, community, social).
- Increase understanding of health equity considerations in the context of research and prevention of child sexual abuse, other forms of child abuse and neglect, and other adverse childhood experiences.
- Develop subject matter expertise and contribute to the scientific evidence base on the prevention of child sexual abuse, other forms of child abuse and neglect, and other adverse childhood experiences.
- Gain leadership experience through project management training, preparation of a manuscript and conference presentation, and collaborating and engaging with an interdisciplinary research group.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Maggie Ingram ([tbu8@cdc.gov](mailto:tbu8@cdc.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** **October 30, 2023.** 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. **The current stipend for this opportunity is within the range of \$5,026 (MS) - \$7,289 (Ph.D.) and is contingent on education and experience.**

**Citizenship Requirements:** This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens only.

**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.

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Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE. Visit <http://orise.orau.gov/cdc/applicants/default.html> for further information.

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.NCIPC@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.CDC.NCIPC@orau.org) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should have received a doctoral degree or be currently pursuing a doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields (e.g. Public Health). Degree must have been received within the past five years. Qualified candidates with a master's degree and relevant research experience will also be considered.

Preferred Skills:

- Experience with child sexual abuse prevention research, child abuse and neglect prevention research, adverse childhood experiences prevention research, and/or public health policy research.
- Experience with or knowledge of violence prevention, health equity, social determinants of health, or other related research areas.
- Experience or knowledge of methods to conduct systematic and/or scoping literature reviews.
- Training or experience with qualitative and quantitative methods applied to public health programs.
- Training or experience with quantitative data analysis and rigorous evaluation of prevention strategies and interventions.
- Strong communication, strategic thinking, and interpersonal skills.
- Strong written and oral communications skills demonstrated by scientific publications and presentations.
- Ability to collaborate with other scientific and professional staff on behavioral research.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Academic Level(s):** Graduate Students, Postdoctoral, or Post-Master's.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([4](#))
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([3](#))
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([15](#))

**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

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granted for individuals who, since the previous CDC employment, have obtained a new STEM degree which necessitates training in a new field.)