

Opportunity Title: CDC Child Development and Disability Branch Summer Fellowship

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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.

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

CDC Office and Location: A research opportunity is currently available with the Child Development and Disability Branch (CDDDB) of the Division of Human Development and Disability (DHDD), National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) 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 National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) seeks to promote the health of babies, children, and adults with disabilities. The work of NCBDDD includes identifying the causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities, helping children to develop and reach their full potential, and promoting health and well-being among people of all ages with disabilities. NCBDDD has three Divisions that carry out this mission: Division of Congenital and Developmental Disorders (DCDD), Human Development and Disability (DHDD), and Blood Disorders (DBD).


Research Project: Specifically, this opportunity is currently available within DHDD's Child Development and Disability Branch (CDDDB), Data and Statistics Team. DHDD leads inclusive programs to optimize the health and development of children and adults with or at risk for disabilities. The Child Development and Disability Branch (CDDDB) leads inclusive programs, surveillance, and research to optimize the health and development of children with, or at risk for, developmental delays, disorders, or disabilities which affect 1 in 6 U.S. children.




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Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor from the Data and Statistics Team, the participant will train on the following projects and activities:

- Data management and epidemiological analyses related to the identification and diagnosis, associated treatment, cost of service utilization, and other factors related to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Literature reviews and authoring publications
- Public health communications documents such as PowerPoint presentations and web materials

Although this fellowship opportunity is focused in the topic area of developmental disabilities and child development, the participants will enhance knowledge and develop skills that are transferable to other areas within public health.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is April Summers (isp3@cdc.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: May 20, 2024. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

Appointment Length: The appointment will initially be for 3 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.

Participant Stipend: Stipend rates may vary based on numerous factors, including opportunity, location, education, and experience. If you are interviewed, you can inquire about the exact stipend rate at that time and if selected, your appointment offer will include the monthly stipend rate.

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

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distancing, testing, vaccination).

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

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing a master's degree in the one of the relevant fields (e.g. epidemiology, public health, health science).

Preferred skills:

- Interest in health and medical sciences, social and behavioral sciences
- Comfortable contributing independently to a defined portion of broader group efforts
- Awareness of issues related to children's mental health, its assessment, and measurement
- Prior experience with program implementation, program evaluation, or analysis of national survey data, administrative claims data, primary data collected using a complex sampling design, and/or longitudinal data

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Degree:** Currently pursuing a Master's Degree.
 - **Academic Level(s):** Post-Bachelor's.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#))
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([51](#))
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([1](#))
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([30](#))

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.)