

**Opportunity Title:** CDC Health Communication Fellowship

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

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**How to Apply:** *To submit your application, scroll to the bottom of this opportunity and click APPLY.*

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.
- A copy of an abstract or reprint of an article

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

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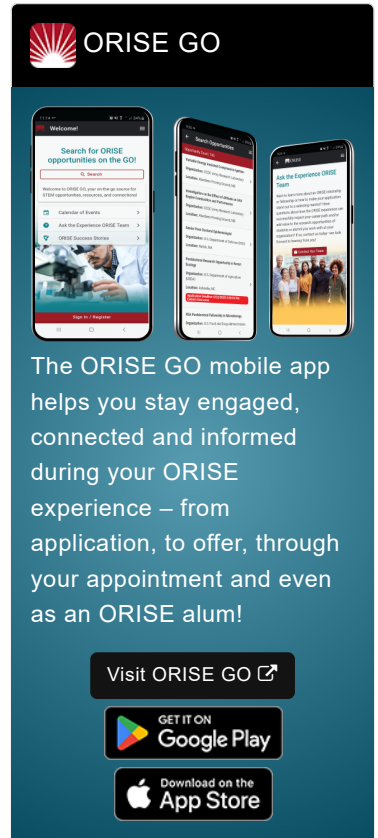
**Application Deadline:** 1/31/2025 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

**CDC Office and Location:** A research opportunity is available in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases (DFWED) in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) 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.


CDC's Outbreak Response and Prevention Branch (ORPB) collaborates with epidemiologists, laboratorians, and other public health officials who investigate clusters of foodborne, waterborne, zoonotic, and other enteric (gastrointestinal) illnesses in the United States. ORPB works to ensure rapid and coordinated surveillance, detection, and response to multistate outbreaks caused by *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella*, and *Listeria*. The health communicators in ORPB communicate risk to the public and other partners during ongoing outbreaks and create educational materials to prevent enteric illnesses.


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**Research Project:** This project offers an opportunity to participate as a member of a multi-disciplinary team focusing on outbreak response and prevention activities, a primary component of CDC's mission. This research opportunity will allow the participant advanced experiential learning in the creation of various health and risk communication materials for a variety of audiences regarding enteric disease outbreaks.

**Learning Objectives:** There will be opportunities to learn from experienced communicators how to quickly translate science into public-facing materials (e.g., web pages, social media) that accurately communicate risk. There will also be opportunities to learn how to develop educational graphics, data visualizations, and other key communication materials. There will be opportunities to attend branch and division meetings, educational seminars, participate in CDC-wide emergency responses, and other activities as schedules allow. The participant will have opportunities to enhance quantitative and qualitative reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving, communication, and teamwork skills during this fellowship.

**Mentor(s):** The mentor for this opportunity is Lauren Gollarza ([knn0@cdc.gov](mailto:knn0@cdc.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor(s).

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date: February 14, 2025.** 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:** 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.

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

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should have received or be pursuing a master's degree in one of the relevant STEM fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date or will reach completion by February 14, 2025.

**Preferred skills:**

- Background in health communications
- Excellent skills for preparing written documents and giving oral presentations for a variety of audiences
- Proficiency in Microsoft applications including Teams, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Experience as a translator or experience developing communication products or other documents in Spanish

**Point of Contact** [Rachel Barker](#)

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Degree:** Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 2/14/2025 11:59:00 PM.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#))
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([10](#))
    - **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.)