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Opportunity Title: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research-Dental Public Health Research Fellowship
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Organization National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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How to Apply All applications must be submitted in the ORISE Zintellect system no later than January 10, 2027, at 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time.

Application Deadline 1/10/2027 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Dental Public Health Research Fellowship is offering a three-year training program designed to develop future leaders in dental public health practice and oral health research. This fellowship includes a one-year Dental Public Health Residency, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and structured to meet the American Board of Dental Public Health residency training requirements, followed by a two-year Oral Health Research Fellowship.

What will I be doing?

During the first year, fellows conduct public health research using national and other large data sets, such as the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS), and Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). Specific research topics and datasets are selected based on each fellow's research interests and agenda. Fellows are also required to complete field experience and participate in seminars, courses, site visits, and journal club.

During the second and third years, fellows participate in collaborative research with other NIH institutes or centers addressing oral and systemic health. Specific topics and collaborations are discussed and developed with each fellow. Previous research collaborations focused on topics such as the oral microbiome and dementia, oral cancer detection and HPV-related knowledge, oral health and sensory function, tobacco-related health disparities, and relationships among bruxism, sleep stages, and sleep apnea.

Throughout the fellowship, participants gain experience in research design and implementation, scientific communication, peer-reviewed publication, grantsmanship, presentations, teaching, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Why should I apply?

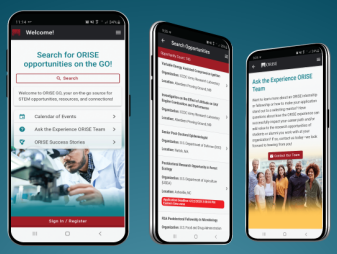
As an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) participant in a STEM research program, you will have a unique hands-on STEM learning experience within your discipline area that will help build a strong foundation towards your career path.

Where will I be located?

In-person at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Remote or virtual participation is not permitted.

What are the provisions?

Participants will receive:

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- An annual stipend of $70,000 per year for the first year, with a potential annual stipend increase in accordance with the program and NIDCR policies and available funding
- Health insurance supplement
- Professional development allowance for traveling to conferences and other training activities

What is the length of the appointment?

The initial appointment is for one year and may be renewed annually for up to two additional years depending upon satisfactory progress and funding availability, for a maximum duration of three years.

When are selections made?

Selections are expected to be made in the Spring 2027, with a start date of July 1, 2027.

What is the Nature of the Appointment?

This program, administered by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (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 the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Participants do not become employees of NIH, DOE, ORISE, nor ORAU, and there are no employment-related benefits. Additional information about research happening at NIH can be found at: NIH Participation Programs.

If you have questions, contact us at NIHprograms@orau.org. Please include the reference code (NIH-NIDCR-2027) for this opportunity in your email.

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Qualifications

To be eligible, you should:

- Hold both a dental degree [Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD), or Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)] and a Master of Public Health (MPH) or a qualifying master's or doctoral degree in public health. The public health degree must be from an accredited U.S. or Canadian College or University and have been earned within the last five years of the appointment start date.
  - Applicants currently pursuing a public health degree are eligible to apply, provided you complete all degree requirements and show proof of degree completion by the start of the appointment. See additional transcript requirements below.*
- Provide transcripts demonstrating the graduate public health curriculum included courses in biostatistics, epidemiology, healthcare policy, behavioral sciences, and environmental health.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of the application.

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This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR), and foreign nationals, subject to applicable U.S. visa, immigration, and federal eligibility requirements. Non-U.S. citizen applicants should refer to the Guidelines for Non-U.S. Citizens Details page for information about the valid immigration statuses that are acceptable for program participation.

Candidates selected for the fellowship program must be able to meet the security and access requirements of NIH and be able to pass a federal background check. We strongly encourage you to carefully review the eligibility and security requirements in full, as participation is contingent upon a successful adjudication.

A complete application consists of:

- A complete Zintellect Profile.
- Responses to the opportunity specific application questions, including a statement of interest (3000-character limit).
- A current resume/CV including:
  - All college-level education in chronological order, including degrees and certificates earned, institutions, and dates attended
  - All professional licenses and/or registrations, including the initial date granted and current expiration date
  - Relevant work experience in chronological order, including job titles, duties and responsibilities, employers, and dates employed
  - Memberships, offices, or appointments held in local, state, or national dental or allied dental organizations, including dates of participation
  - Major awards and honors, including dates received
  - Major accomplishments in public health, dentistry, and/or research
  - Publications
- *Transcripts/Academic records - For this opportunity, the most current unofficial transcripts or copies of academic records may be submitted (.pdf upload) showing the applicant's name, name of academic institution, courses (including currently enrolled classes, if applicable) and GPA, if a copy of the official transcripts are not available at the time of application. Please be sure to include all relevant transcripts of both the dental and public health degrees. If selected, you will be required to provide a current official transcript demonstrating the completion of both degrees prior to starting. Applicants who obtained a dental degree outside the U.S. or Canada may upload a copy of a previously completed course-by-course credential evaluation from a recognized credential evaluation agency, if available. Applicants who do not possess such an evaluation may provide alternative documentation demonstrating their degree was accepted for admission to an accredited U.S. or Canadian graduate or professional program. Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- Three letters of recommendation
  - Letters must be from professionals who are familiar with your academic/professional background. At least one letter should be from your public health program advisor or faculty member. **Recommendations must be received in Zintellect by January 10, 2027, at 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time.** Applications without recommendations will not be reviewed.

All documents must be submitted via Zintellect and must be in English or include an

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official English translation. **Documents must have all social security numbers, student identification numbers, and/or dates of birth redacted (blanked out, blackened out, made illegible, etc.) prior to uploading into the application system. All application components must be completed and received in the system by the deadline to be considered.** Supporting materials must be uploaded as PDF files to ensure the document can be searched by Zintellect's search engine. Documents sent by email, postal mail, or fax will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible for this opportunity you must enter **both** a dental degree (DDS, DMD, BDS, or equivalent) and a qualifying public health degree (PhD, MPH, or equivalent).

- Dental degrees may be entered under the “Medicine” discipline. Use the concentration text field to identify your specific area of study.
- The “Doctoral” degree type should be used for DDS, DMD, PhD, and equivalent degrees.
- The “Master’s” degree type should be used for MPH, MS, and equivalent degrees.
- The “Bachelor’s” degree type should be used for BDS, BS, and equivalent degrees.

The system does not have the options of DDS, DMD or BDS, or MPH, so you will select the discipline that most closely aligns with your public health training such as Public Health, Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Population Medicine, Biometrics and Biostatistics, Social Psychology, or Social Sciences Other.

Stipend $70,000.00 Yearly

Point of Contact Alecia

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 7/1/2027 11:59:00 PM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (4 👁)
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** (1 👁)
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (2 👁)
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age

Affirmation I affirm that I hold a completed dental degree -- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD), or Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS). I also affirm that I either (A) hold a qualifying graduate degree in public health completed within the last five (5) years or (B) will complete a qualifying graduate degree in public health prior to the anticipated start date.