

Health Communication Fellowship in Behavioral Research

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ABOUT THE BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

The National Cancer Institute is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship in applied health communication in the [Behavioral Research Program \(BRP\)](#). The program initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research to increase the breadth, depth, and quality of behavioral research in cancer prevention and control. Learn more about the [BRP mission and structure](#).

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland,* and it provides an outstanding opportunity for training and professional development in behavioral research and health communication.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The CRTA fellow will function as a staff member in the Office of the Associate Director and will work on communication projects to support four program branches in the areas of cancer-related health behaviors (diet, exercise, energy balance, sun protection); biopsychosocial processes of cancer-related behaviors; tobacco control; and health communication research and decision science in cancer control. Specific duties include:



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- Writing and editing content for newsletters, scientific briefs, fact sheets, meetings, reports, social media, and website;
- Creating presentations and developing content for digital platforms;
- Designing infographics and other visual elements for various communication channels and projects;
- Maintaining website content and informing redesign decisions;
- Developing and implementing a digital communication strategy for the program;
- Conducting outreach and promotion for branch initiatives, meetings, and events;
- Coordinating webinars, scientific meetings, and special events; and
- Serving as project manager on various scientific workgroups, meetings, events, and projects.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree or equivalent in communication, journalism, public health, behavioral science, or public administration.
- Strong interest in cancer prevention, cancer control, and behavioral research.
- Two or more years of work experience in science writing/editing and strategic communication. Social media and design and/or data research or analytics experience is a plus.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and in teams.
- Excellent organizational skills and experience managing multiple projects.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter describing your interest in this fellowship, your professional background, and your career development goals
2. Resume or curriculum vitae
3. Two professional letters of reference on official letterhead
4. A writing sample not to exceed 3 pages (a selection of a larger submission is fine).

Application materials may be submitted via email to Riante Jones at Riante.jones@nih.gov. For questions about the position, contact [Mimi Lising](#) or [Mary O'Connell](#).

Highly ranked candidates will receive a request to submit proof of U.S. citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport) or resident alien status (Green Card) and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing of highest degree conferred. If currently enrolled in school, proof of good academic standing must be sent on official letterhead and signed by a graduate studies program director, advisor, or equivalent.

NCI is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment, and we strongly encourage candidates from underrepresented groups to apply. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

This announcement will remain active until the position has been filled.

START DATE

Negotiable

STIPEND AND BENEFITS

This position is a one-year, full-time Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship with a possibility for renewal. The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. View the [stipend range](#) for initial appointment of CRTA Fellows.

Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in Rockville, Maryland,* and is easily accessible by car or public transportation from surrounding locations in Maryland and Washington, DC.

To learn more about BRP staff, please see our [online staff directory](#). You are encouraged to contact current and past fellows, mentors, and other staff members to learn more about the BRP Fellow experience.

* Coronavirus Pandemic Notice

All BRP staff are currently on remote work status. Professional travel is not currently permitted.