

Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship Opportunity Announcement

Behavioral Research Program

Announcement Title

Tobacco Control Research Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow

Introduction

The National Cancer Institute's Behavioral Research Program (BRP), within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, is recruiting a CRTA Fellow to serve in the Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB). Learn about the [BRP mission](#). Learn more about [TCRB and its key initiatives](#).

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland,* and it provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development that supports program activities and contributes to the scientific literature in tobacco control and related areas of behavioral research. CRTA Fellows interact and collaborate with researchers in public health, behavioral health, and cancer population health and prevention at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), across the National Institutes of Health (NIH), across Department of Health and Human Services agencies, and in the broader research community.

Position Description

The CRTA Fellow will function as part of a multidisciplinary team of Federal staff, contractors, and external scientists who plan and implement tobacco control research activities. Day-to-day activities may include performing data analyses with large population health data sets, primarily the Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS); contributing to manuscripts for peer-reviewed journal publications; conducting literature reviews or environmental scans; writing scientific content for Federal staff and other audiences; participating in TUS-CPS meetings and other team meetings; and attending seminars and other training opportunities. The Fellow is encouraged to initiate projects that align with TCRB's goals, and train to become an independent investigator in the areas of tobacco use and co-use, tobacco and cannabis co-use, health disparities, and cross-disciplinary areas of tobacco use (e.g., sleep health). With prior approval, opportunities may exist to attend* national scientific conferences or present findings. The Fellow is also encouraged to explore project opportunities in other branches of BRP.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a relevant discipline (e.g., epidemiology, public health, health policy, health communication, psychology, biostatistics); highly qualified Ph.D. candidates permitted to apply.
- A strong interest in tobacco control research (particularly in tobacco use epidemiology, surveillance, cessation, and other research topics of interest to the branch) and cross-disciplinary areas of behavioral science research. See [TCRB key initiatives](#) for additional information.
- Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project.
- Data management and/or analysis skills (proficiency with statistical software packages like SAS).
- Experience with questionnaire design/development preferred, but not required.
- Superior academic achievement, typically cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher.
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to work independently and as part of a research team.

Application Requirements

To be considered for this position, the following materials must be submitted:

1. Cover Letter
Explain your interest in tobacco control, your professional development goals, and how you hope this fellowship will help achieve them.
2. Other Relevant Work or Life Experience
Describe your experience in public health, tobacco control, and/or data analysis.
3. Resume or CV
4. Two letters of recommendation

Application materials may be submitted via email to ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov. For questions about the position, contact [Dr. Carolyn Reyes-Guzman](#) or [Ms. Kristen Mangold](#).

Highly ranked candidates will be requested 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 Academic Good 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

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Start Date

January or June 2022, depending on graduation date (negotiable).

Stipend and Benefits

Stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. View the [stipend range](#) for the 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.

*** Coronavirus Pandemic Notice**

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

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.