

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 health communication fellowship in the [Behavioral Research Program \(BRP\)](#), a program within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). 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 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 (i.e., 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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- coordinating webinars, scientific meetings, and special events,
- writing and editing content for newsletters, scientific briefs, fact sheets, meetings, reports, social media, and website,
- maintaining website content and informing redesign decisions,
- creating presentations and developing content for digital platforms,
- developing and implementing a digital communication strategy for the program,
- conducting outreach and promotion for branch initiatives, meetings, and events,
- designing infographics and other visual elements for various communication channels and projects, and
- participating in various scientific workgroups, meetings, events, and initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Background in communication, journalism, public health, behavioral science, public administration, or related field; master's degree preferred
- Strong interest in cancer prevention, cancer control, and behavioral research
- Work experience in science writing/editing and strategic communication
- Social media, graphic design/presentation, events planning, or webinar facilitation strongly encouraged
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and in teams
- Excellent organizational and project management skills with exceptional attention to detail

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter describing your interest in this fellowship, your professional background, and your career development goals
2. Writing sample (limit to 3 pages or use an excerpt from a longer piece)
3. Resume or curriculum vitae
4. Two signed letters of reference on official letterhead or sent from reference's email (can be submitted separately)

Application materials may be submitted via email to ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov with the subject line "Health communication fellowship." For questions about the position, contact [Amy Caplon](#) 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 will be requested to be sent on official letterhead and signed by a graduate studies program director, advisor, or equivalent.

DCCPS is deeply committed to building a diverse health sciences workforce that maintains, fosters, and promotes an equitable, inclusive, accessible, and nurturing work environment. Diverse teams foster scientific innovation, improve the quality of research, contribute their lived experiences to a robust learning environment, advance the likelihood that underserved or health disparity populations participate in and benefit from health research, and enhance public trust.

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 fellowship with a possibility for renewal. The stipends for fellows are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. View the [stipend range](#) for initial appointment of fellows.

Benefits include health insurance at no cost, a commuter subsidy, 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.

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