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

Application materials may be submitted via email to Riante Jones at <u>Riante.jones@nih.gov</u>. For questions about the position, contact <u>Mimi Lising</u> or <u>Mary O'Connell</u>.

Highly ranked candidates will receive a request to submit <u>proof of U.S. citizenship</u> (photocopy of birth certificate or passport) <u>or resident alien status</u> (Green Card) and <u>official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing</u> 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 <u>stipend range</u> 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 <u>online staff directory</u>. 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.