Cancer Research Training Award Fellowship
Opportunity Announcement

Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch

Announcement Title
Fellowship in Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences, 2011

Introduction
The Behavioral Research Program (BRP), within the National Cancer Institute (NCI)’s Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences seeks to recruit a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow. BRP is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for this fellowship position in the Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch (BBPSB). For more information about BRP mission and structure, please see http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp.

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development in basic biobehavioral and psychological sciences research in the context of cancer prevention and control. CRTA fellows interact daily with researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, and cancer prevention, as well as with various extramural scientists at NCI and other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health.

Position Description
The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of the BBPSB and work directly with scientists on projects related to the mission of BBPSB and BRP. Examples of research and programmatic areas of emphasis include affective, cognitive, and sensory sciences, mechanisms of psychosocial and behavioral influences on cancer, and basic judgment and decision-making. Day-to-day activities might include:

- Providing program management of a biobehavioral research network;
- Conducting literature reviews;
- Performing secondary data analyses;
- Contributing to scientific manuscripts, reports, and presentations;
- Maintaining the BBPSB website;
- Developing training workshops and research partnership forums;
- Organizing initiatives such as journal supplement development and compiling content from interviews with external investigators.

Additionally, the Fellow is encouraged to initiate and develop his or her own projects, and may have the opportunity to travel for NCI to National Conferences, such as annual meetings of the American Association for Cancer Research, American Psychosomatic Society, Association for Psychological Science, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, American Psychological Association, and Society for Behavioral Medicine.

Qualifications
- Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in science writing, health communication, public health, or a related discipline, with a specific interest in psychological, cognitive, affective, perceptual, and/or sensory science, or related behavioral science is required. Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project.
- Data management and statistical analysis skills (proficiency with programs like EXCEL, SPSS, and SAS).
- Very strong communication and writing skills; web content management is preferred.
• Excellent academic standing
• Excellent organizational, planning, and project management skills
• Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently and on research teams

Application Requirements
To be considered for this position, the following materials must be received by the Application Deadline:

1. Cover letter (provide an explanation of your interest in the BBPSB Fellowship and explain your professional development goals and research interests)
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. A writing sample
5. Proof of citizenship (photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
6. Official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing (transcript of highest Degree conferred; Proof of Academic Good Standing on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent)

Application materials may be submitted via email to Donna Hopkins at: hopkinsde@mail.nih.gov; Paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing must be mailed to:
Ms. Donna Hopkins
ATTN: BBPSB CRTA
Behavioral Research Program
6130 Executive Blvd., Rockville MD 20892

Application Deadline
September 15, 2011. This announcement will remain active until the position is successfully filled.

Start Date: Earliest possible start date is October 15, 2011.

Stipend and Benefits
This position is a one-year full-time Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) fellowship. There is a possibility for yearly renewals. The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. More information is available online at: http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/about/stipend.html. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland, close to the bustling metropolis of Bethesda, and near downtown DC.

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To learn more about the BRP, please see our website: http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/brp/. You are encouraged to contact current and past Fellows, Mentors, and other staff members.