AACN-CDC Public Health Fellowship Program
2020-2021
Sponsoring Center, Institute, or Office (CIO) Information

CIO: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases  
Division: Immunization Services Division/Communications and Education Branch  
Campus: Royal Campus

Fellowship Location:

Fellowship opportunity is in Atlanta, Georgia. The selected fellow will be required to relocate to the fellowship location. Since the first several weeks of the fellowship are busy with training and orientation, the Fellow may want to devote at least one week before the fellowship to settling in. Relocation costs are the responsibility of the Fellow and are not reimbursable.

Fellowship Project Information

Fellowship Educational Level:

Master’s Level (minimum level of education)

Purpose and Mission of Sponsoring CIO:

The mission of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) is the prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and control of respiratory and related diseases. The Communications and Education Branch (CEB) of the Immunization Services Division (ISD) of NCIRD provides physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals with resources and educational opportunities designed to increase the knowledge and skills needed to effectively implement immunization recommendations. CEB provides training and education through a variety of delivery methods including web-on-demand videos, web-based self-study modules, in-person presentations, webinars/net conferences, and apps. Most training and education activities are approved to offer continuing education (CE) credit. Immunization recommendations change frequently. Healthcare professionals require access to up-to-date training and education resources to understand increasingly complex immunization recommendations, new vaccines, vaccine delays and shortages, and vaccine safety.

Project Focus Area:

Vaccine-preventable diseases

Project Discipline Area:

- Project Management
Title of Fellowship Project:
Design, Evaluation, and Project Management of the Immunization for Undergraduate Nursing (IRUN) Project

Project Description:
In April 2015, the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) and CDC partnered to initiate the Immunization in Undergraduate Nursing (IRUN) project. The goal of the project is to identify curriculum gaps and provide educational materials to fill the gaps. The IRUN Framework (see www.irunursing.org) provides recommendations for improving the integration of immunization information and resources into undergraduate nursing education. The Fellow will manage the design, distribution, and evaluation of project materials including case studies, PPT slide decks, simulation scripts and web-based, self-study student resources. The Fellow will be responsible for overall project management and will work with CEB and APTR staff to 1) develop goals, objectives, timeline, and project milestones; 2) coordinate regularly scheduled work group meetings; 3) develop budget and scope of work recommendations; 4) manage the design, development and CDC clearance of product(s); 5) collaborate with national nursing organizations; and 6) conduct evaluation activities including beta-testing of product(s).

Expected Benefits:
This project will provide the Fellow an opportunity to manage a project comprised of national leaders in nursing education and implement recommendations for development of immunization resources for undergraduate nursing curricula. The Fellow will fill a critical staffing need within CEB and provide services that will be used to coordinate and develop an undergraduate nursing education product that is anticipated to be utilized nationwide. The Fellow will be a member of the Education Team. The team consists of 4 physicians, 2 nurses, and 3 health educators. Team members have a variety of experience and extensive immunization expertise and will provide technical assistance. The Fellow will have access to program leadership through the CEB Branch Chief and will interact with division leadership.

Candidate Requirements

Knowledge and Skills:

- Ability to work independently.
- Strong interpersonal skills with ability to work within a multidisciplinary team.
- Organizational skills including management of complex projects and product development.
• Written communication skills.
• Oral communication skills.
• Quantitative and qualitative evaluation skills.
• Proficiency in MS Office Suite - Outlook, Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
• Nurse Educator experience desired but not required.

**Fellowship Funding Information**

Master’s Level Stipend: $48,976.00
Travel and Training Allowance: $3,000.00
Fellowship Allowance (for health insurance): $4,000.00

**Fellowship Period**

The term of this fellowship is 12 months. However, depending on availability of funds the period could be extended at the approval of the CIO and the fellow. The assignment is expected to start July 2020.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must have at a minimum a completed master’s degree (including students completing degree requirements in the spring 2020) from an AACN member school. Applicants need to be graduates of an accredited nursing program(s) in order to be eligible for this fellowship. Program accreditation can be granted by CCNE, ACEN, or CNEA.

**Review and Final Selection**

In February 2020, an evaluation panel will begin the review of the applications. Applicants may be contacted by the AACN Associate Director for additional information and/or clarification of information relevant to the application. The final selection will be made in the beginning of April. The successful applicant will be notified by email.

**Application Instructions**

Applications are completed online through the AACN Online Application System via Formstack at: [http://www.formstack.com/forms/aacn-public_health_fellowship_program_application](http://www.formstack.com/forms/aacn-public_health_fellowship_program_application)

To begin your online application, please copy and paste the link above into your Web browser. You will need the following items below to complete your application. Please upload all documents to application form.

• Resume/CV
• Two letters of recommendation
• Candidate Statement (maximum 1,000 words) that must address:
  o The reasons for applying for the AACN-CDC Public Health Fellowship.
  o A summary of your background and expertise – what can you contribute to the fellowship?
  o An outline of the issues you are interested in addressing in your fellowship.
  o A statement of your future goals following the fellowship, and how you envision the fellowship supporting those goals.

Due Date: Applications must be submitted no later than 5pm EST on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

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