# Research Participation Program
# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
# Office of the Chief Science Officer
# Immunization Safety Office
# Atlanta, Georgia

## Project CDC-OCSO-2008-0024

A project is available in the Immunization Safety Office, Office of the Chief Science Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Responsibilities:**

Possible projects include public health projects associated with Clinical Immunization Safety Assessment Network (CISA). These projects are intended to improve and enhance the network.

- The candidate will assist in CISA protocols requiring CDC's Institutional Research Board (IRB) approval. Candidate will draft and submit initial research protocols with detailed description of study design and methodology (e.g., subject recruitment, inclusion/exclusion criteria, enrollment procedures), human subject requirements (e.g., consent), and analysis plan. Candidate will track the progress of each protocol and respond to IRB recommendations.

- The candidate serves as CISA liaison to nursing community and represents project at national meetings. Serves as branch liaison to Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting Systems (VAERS), Brighton collaboration, and Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD).

- The candidate will have opportunities to participate in ongoing ISO research projects or potentially propose new studies as lead investigator. This may result in an opportunity for the candidate to develop and increase salient skills in epidemiology, statistics, research design, implementation and assessment of public health programs, educational interventions and risk communication. The fellow would be highly encouraged to publish and present the studies' findings in peer-reviewed journals or at scientific meetings.

- Teaching and support will come from epidemiologists, medical officers, public health nurses, statisticians and other professional staff of ISO. The candidate will work primarily with CISA; however there are opportunities to work with data from VAERS or VSD on various vaccine safety issues that may arise, depending on the interests of the fellow. In undertaking projects from these diverse areas, the fellow has an opportunity to expand on skills in such diverse areas as epidemiology, statistics, research design, public health programs and risk communication, as well as helping design and develop education interventions. The outcome of some of these projects may lead to publication and opportunities for presentation at scientific meetings or other related conferences. This is in fact highly encouraged.

**Requirements:**

Candidate must have a BA or BS with advanced clinical degree (e.g., RN, NP), 3 years of clinical experience and basic knowledge of the scientific method/research study design. Applicants must possess excellent leadership, organizational and communication skills, be self-motivated and demonstrate meticulous attention to detail. Exposure or knowledge of epidemiology is highly desirable but not required.

The appointment is for one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of CDC, based on project needs and priorities and is subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend depending on educational level, work experiences and complexity of the project. The participant must show proof of health and medical insurance. The appointment is full time at CDC in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Participants do not become employees of CDC or the program administrator and there are no fringe benefits paid.

The Research Participation for CDC is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be considered, send a current resume, sample publications and cover letter to Tasha Powell via email at Tasha.Powell@orau.org or via fax at (865) 241-5219 by October 5, 2008. Please reference project CDC-OCSO-2008-0024. For additional program information refer to http://www.orau.gov/cdc.