



Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellowship in the Health Promotion Research Branch of the National Cancer Institute

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services, is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA), with an emphasis on gene-environment-behavior research. This CRTA appointment is a one-year award, with option to renew, with the Health Promotion Research Branch (HPRB), Behavioral Research Program (BRP), Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) of the National Cancer Institute (<http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/hprb>).

This is a full-time position within the Health Promotion Research Branch and will be based in their Rockville, Maryland office. The position will allow the applicant to interact with a large number of scientists representing the disciplines of public health, genetics, nutrition, physical activity, behavioral sciences, obesity prevention, and other disciplines within public health, at the NCI, the NIH and at institutions around the country.

The Cancer Research Training Award provides an outstanding opportunity for an individual with a strong interest in gene-behavior interactions and obesity/energy balance to gain experience working as an extramural behavioral scientist at the National Cancer Institute.

Position Description

The trainee will function as a member of the HPRB and work directly with HPRB scientists on projects related to the HPRB mission. Areas of research include gene-environment-behavior interactions as it relates to diet and physical activity and obesity prevention. Day-to-day activities might include conducting literature reviews; performing data analyses and preparing scientific manuscripts; aiding in the development of Program Announcements or other initiatives; analyzing the HPRB research portfolio; participating in HPRB meetings; and attending lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, the trainee may have opportunities to initiate and develop his or her own projects, as well as work with other scientific staff at the National Cancer Institute and other Institutes/Centers at the National Institutes of Health.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. or equivalent degree in public health, nutrition, behavioral sciences, or a related discipline
- A strong interest in gene-behavioral interactions and obesity prevention research
- Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- The ability to work independently and on research teams
- Data management skills (proficiency with EXCEL and statistical software packages is preferred)

Application Requirements

- A cover email message/letter and contact information with an explanation of your interest and experience in gene-environment-behavior research, specifically within the areas of nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention. Include a statement explaining how you see the CRTA position furthering your career goals. Please provide your earliest possible start date
- Two letters of reference from supervisors or professors signed and on letterhead with email addresses and phone numbers included. If signed letters are unavailable electronically, an initial unsigned version is acceptable, however, a signed copy must follow by mail to the address below
- CV or resume
- Graduate transcripts. If an official transcript is unavailable electronically, an unofficial transcript is acceptable, however, an official transcript must follow by mail to the address below
- Must be a US citizen or resident alien

Stipend and Benefits

The trainee stipend is commensurate with education and experience. The stipend for a doctoral degree trainee with minimal experience ranges from \$42,600 - \$47,200. Stipend amount increases based on years of relevant postdoctoral research experience. Health benefits are available at no cost to you. Some flexibility on work hours will be allowed. Participation in conferences and continued training is encouraged.

Start Date

The CRTA start date is negotiable.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by May 11, 2009.

Inquiries and Mailing Address

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