Position and organization

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in Hyattsville, Maryland, is seeking a Service Fellow in epidemiology or biostatistics to work in its Office of Analysis and Epidemiology (OAE). NCHS is the principal health statistics agency in the United States, and its mission is to compile accurate, relevant, and timely statistical information to guide actions and policies that improve the health of the American people. For more information about NCHS, visit its website.

Within NCHS, OAE is responsible for conducting developmental and evaluation research and analysis in the fields of epidemiology, health status, health services utilization, health promotion, and health economics. Within OAE, the Health Promotion Statistics Branch (HPSB) coordinates the health-promotion and disease-prevention related data analysis activities of NCHS. HPSB provides extensive support and technical assistance to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), its agencies, and state and local health agencies. A primary role of HPSB is to track and monitor progress of national health goals and objectives in support of HHS' Healthy People initiative. For more information about health-promotion statistics activities at NCHS, visit its website.

Fellowship overview

The Service Fellow will work closely as part of a team of HPSB analysts responsible for collecting, analyzing, and presenting data for national health-promotion and disease-prevention initiatives, primarily Healthy People 2020 and the National Prevention Strategy. Major duties will include: synthesizing, analyzing, and verifying data; examining trends and disparities in national health objectives over time and across sociodemographic groups; preparing data charts summarizing the status of objectives for departmental reports and meetings; presenting original research papers or posters at professional meetings; and representing NCHS at Healthy People 2020 Workgroup meetings and conferences. Additionally, the Fellow will provide substantial input and analysis for the upcoming Healthy People 2020 Midcourse Review, a major report published every 10 years. Finally, the Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in
high-level meetings within HHS, including Healthy People 2020 Progress Reviews with the HHS Assistant Secretary.

Qualifications
Applicants must have successfully completed a master's or doctoral degree or equivalent in biostatistics, epidemiology, demography, or a related field (e.g., sociology, medicine, biology, or health sciences). To meet the basic requirements, course of study must have included at least 15 semester hours in statistics (or in mathematics and statistics, provided at least 6 semester hours were in statistics). Experience and applied coursework in sampling; collecting, computing, and analyzing statistical data; and applying statistical techniques such as simple and multiple correlation, regression modeling, analysis of variance, and significance testing are required. In addition to the basic requirements, experience developing methodologies to assess overall population health is highly desirable. Facility with Microsoft Office applications is expected, and ability to program in SAS or Access is desirable though not required. Strong speaking, writing, and interpersonal skills are also highly desirable. This fellowship is open to all citizens of the United States or legal permanent residents with a work authorization. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the necessary work authorization.

Terms of appointment
The Service Fellow will be offered an initial 24-month appointment, with the potential for extension up to 5 years. A starting date will be determined by mutual agreement. An initial salary range of $63,091–$116,901 will be offered based on education, skills, and experience. Salary increases will be commensurate with performance. Fellows are eligible for annual and sick leave, Thrift Savings 401(k)-equivalent, health and life insurance, and a flexible work schedule. The Fellow will have the option of free onsite parking or a public-transportation subsidy. The local subway station is within walking distance.

Application process
Applications will be accepted through January 25, 2015. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, their curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all graduate and undergraduate credits, and two reference letters to Rebecca Hines, Health Promotion Statistics Branch Chief, at the mailing address below. Inquiries or questions regarding this fellowship can be directed to Ms. Hines at vgh4@cdc.gov. Visit the NCHS
Employment Opportunities website for more information about the Fellowship Program.

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**CDC/NCHS is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.**