

Associate Service Fellowship in Demography/Epidemiology

National Survey of Family Growth National Center for Health Statistics

Position and Organization

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), located in Hyattsville, Maryland, is seeking an Associate Service Fellow to work with the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) Team. NCHS is the Nation's principal health statistics agency. One of the eight centers and institutes that comprise CDC, NCHS's mission is to compile accurate, relevant, and timely statistical information to guide actions and policies that improve the health of the Nation. Within NCHS, the Division of Vital Statistics (DVS) coordinates the National Vital Statistics System and conducts the NSFG. Within DVS, the Reproductive Statistics Branch coordinates the National Birth statistics system and conducts the NSFG. For more information visit [About NCHS](#) and [Information about the National Survey of Family Growth](#).

Fellowship overview

The Associate Service Fellow, working as a member of the NSFG Team, will contribute to all aspects of conducting the survey and disseminating the survey data. The NSFG Team is responsible for collecting, processing, and disseminating data collected in the NSFG on a variety of topics related to birth and pregnancy rates; contraception and fertility; marriage, divorce, and cohabitation; sexual activity; and HIV risk behaviors. Under the guidance of other members of the NSFG team, the Associate Service Fellow will develop and formulate questionnaire specifications and review training materials; plan and conduct methodological and evaluation studies related to data collection; provide technical consultation and advice to users of the data; and prepare reports of survey activities and results for NCHS reports and scientific journals. These reports include discussion of statistical methods.

Qualifications

This fellowship opportunity 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. Applicants must have successfully completed a master's degree or higher in demography, survey methodology, epidemiology, public health, or a related field (e.g. sociology, medicine, biological or health sciences, etc). Experience and/or applied coursework in (a) sampling, (b) collecting, computing, and analyzing statistical data, and (c) applying statistical techniques such as simple and multiple correlation, regression modeling, analysis of variance, and significance testing is highly desirable. Skill in using SAS, STATA, SPSS, SUDAAN, or other statistical software for complex survey data is also expected. Strong speaking, writing, and interpersonal skills are also highly desirable.

Terms of appointment

The Associate Service Fellow will be offered an initial 13-month appointment, which may be extended up to 10 years by mutual agreement. A starting date will be determined by mutual agreement. An initial salary of \$50,408 - \$95,026 (GS-9, step 1 to GS-12, step 10) will be offered based on education and experience. Salary increases will be commensurate with performance. Associate Service Fellows are eligible for sick leave, annual leave, thrift savings (401(k) equivalent), and health and life insurance. A flexible work schedule is also available. Free parking is available on-site or a transportation subsidy can be obtained for using the metro area subway station, which is nearby.

Application process

Applications will be accepted through December 10, 2009. Interested applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all graduate and undergraduate credits, and three reference letters to Stephanie Ventura, Chief, Reproductive Statistics Branch at the mailing address below. Inquiries or questions regarding this fellowship can be directed to Mrs. Ventura at sventura@cdc.gov.

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