

## **Association of Schools of Public Health/Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Health Fellowship Program**

**Grantor:** Association of Schools of Public Health/Environmental Protection Agency

**Closes:** 2/9/2012

**Maximum:** \$0.00

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Deadline for electronic submission of application: 02/09/2012

Deadline for ASPH's receipt of hardcopy materials: 02/10/2012

The Environmental Health Fellowship Program is supported through a cooperative agreement between the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The goal of the ASPH Environmental Health Fellowship Program is to provide professional training and opportunities for early career public health professionals by enabling them to work in EPA on current and emerging environmental public health needs. These placements will be for one year, with a possible one-year extension. The program capitalizes on an important interdependence between the academic public health community and the EPA, one of the most important public health agencies in the world. EPA leads the nation's environmental science, research, education and assessment efforts. Since 1970, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for American people. ASPH/EPA fellows work closely with nationally recognized experts who work to protect the environment.

The Program is designed to provide leadership training in environmental health and policy. Selected Fellows will:

Collaborate with leading experts in the fields of environmental health, toxicology, epidemiology, biology, and risk assessment on important current and emerging public health issues;

Participate in work on cross-cutting health assessment issues

- Have access to environmental research laboratories and specialized equipment;
- Acquire skills, experience, and knowledge to enhance your career.

Fellowship positions are full-time opportunities for duration of one year (September 2012 - September 2013). Fellowships may be extended for an additional year, pending available funding, continued priority of the project area within EPA, and mutual agreement by the fellow, EPA, and ASPH.

Fellows will be placed in various EPA organizations, most of which are located in the Washington, D.C. area, but may also be located in any of several laboratories, regional offices, or centers throughout the country. Applicants will be notified of exact assignment locations during the final selection phase and matching process.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, students must have received an MPH or Doctorate degree prior to the beginning of the fellowship (no later than August of the application year). Early career professionals with MPH or Doctorate degrees (within 5 years of graduation) may also apply for the fellowship program. Applicants must have received their degree(s) from an ASPH-member, CEPH-accredited, graduate school of public health ([click here](#)), as well as be a U.S. citizen or hold a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S., to be eligible for the fellowship program. Certification in Public Health (CPH) preferred (<http://www.publichealthexam.org/>).

## Fellowship Stipend

Fellows will receive a stipend payment for the duration of the fellowship based on the education level/degree requirement of the fellowship position. The fellowship stipend is intended to cover all living expenses including housing and project related travel.

In addition to the fellowship stipend, the fellow will have “fellowship allowance” intended to cover health-related expenses incurred during the one year fellowship period. The “fellowship allowance” may also be used to cover project-related travel, tuition, journal subscriptions, association dues, etc. Fellows will also receive an allowance in the first year for relocation expenses.

All applications to the fellowship program undergo a two-phase review process. In the first stage, the applications are reviewed by two faculty members from schools of public health (other than the applicant’s institution) on the following criteria: quality of essay, strength of credentials, previous professional experience; and letters of recommendation. Applicants approved by the faculty review are invited to Washington, DC to interview for the fellowship. A panel will interview applicants and along with the faculty review comments to assess which of the candidates applying for the individual projects are most suited for the fellowship.

There are two components to the application process, the online application and hard copy documents that must be mailed to ASPH in ONE package. The following lists all documents required to apply:

### Online:

1. An essay (1500 word max) for each training area to which you are applying

explaining your interests, strengths and qualifications for that position and how it will benefit your long-term career plans in the field of public health.

2. Resume/CV.

3. Two references - Name, email and phone number.

Hard copy documents:

Two Generic Letters of Recommendation (from the references provided in the online application). Must be on a letter head with contact information and original signature. Does not need to be in a sealed envelope. Please request your recommenders to not fold or staple recommendation letters.

Signature Page available upon submitting the online application. You will need to print, and sign. Please do not fold or staple pages.

Official Graduate Transcripts (School of Public Health only). This will need to be in a sealed envelope issued by your school.

A copy of your Green card, if you are not a US Citizen.

**Link:** <http://fellowships.asph.org/programs/details.cfm?programID=%21%27%40%20%20%0A>