

Division of Intramural Population Health Research (DIPHR) Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch (SBSB) Postdoctoral Fellowships

The [Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch \(SBSB\)](#) is an intramural research program within DIPHR, part of the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The branch's mission is to: conduct research to understand the social and behavioral determinants of health and health-related behaviors; develop and test educational, behavioral, and environmental strategies for improving health and health-related behaviors; conduct research on the problem of disparities in health, the developmental mechanisms underlying health disparities over the lifecourse, and modifiable intervention targets to reduce disparities; and position highly qualified students and trainees for professional careers in the social and behavioral sciences.

SBSB research encompasses the social and behavioral mechanisms that influence health during developmentally sensitive periods and the dynamic interplay between social, behavioral, and biological determinants of health and well-being utilizing methodologies including population-based observational studies and randomized trials. Branch scientists are recruiting multiple postdoctoral fellows interested in the etiology of child and adolescent health and health-related behaviors, including substance use, diet, weight, sleep, smoking, and physical activity; the etiology and prevention of motor vehicle crash risk among novice young drivers; influence of neurobehavioral, social, and environmental factors on eating behaviors and diet-related health outcomes during pregnancy and early childhood; and developmental risk factors for mental health problems and their outcomes including suicide. Postdoctoral fellows are expected to develop their own initiatives within the scope of ongoing research in the branch.

Candidates legally approved to work in the United States with an earned doctoral degree in the social and behavioral sciences or closely related field (e.g., psychology, epidemiology, health education, nutrition, or quantitative methods) are invited to apply. Preference will be given to candidates with superior analytic, written, and oral communication skills and with demonstrated research interests in areas currently under investigation in the branch.

Applicants should send: 1) a *curriculum vitae*; 2) a statement of research interests to be pursued during training; 3) three letters of reference; and 4) official transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework to:

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Applicants must have completed their doctoral training prior to the start of the fellowship and have no more than 5 years of relevant research experience since receipt of their most recent doctoral degree.

Further information about the Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch and Division of Intramural Population Health Research is available at:

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/diphr/officebranch/sbsb>.

Further information about the NIH training and education program and professional development opportunities may be found at <https://www.training.nih.gov/home>

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