



Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute  
of Child Health and Human Development

*Healthy pregnancies. Healthy children. Healthy and optimal lives.*

## Social and Behavioral Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowships

The [Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch \(SBSB\)](#) within NICHD's Division of Population Health Research is inviting applications for postdoctoral fellows to join collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams and develop their own projects within the scope of ongoing research in the branch. SBSB research addresses multiple aspects of health, health-related behaviors, and health equity throughout the life course by investigating novel social, behavioral, and environmental determinants of health in population-based observational and experimental studies.

Postdoctoral fellowships are available within the research groups led by [Dr. Bobby Cheon](#), [Dr. Stephen Gilman](#), and [Dr. Tonja Nansel](#). Throughout the next year, SBSB anticipates expanding its research on the developmental origins of disparities in cardiovascular disease. Fellows will have access to rich, population-based datasets addressing health-related behaviors in children and families and the social determinants of child development and mental health, and will have the opportunity to participate in our branch's ongoing field studies that focus on:

- Mechanisms underlying socioeconomic and racial and ethnic disparities in child development
- Trajectories and correlates of health and health-related behaviors during the transition from adolescence to young adulthood
- Reward-related eating behaviors, diet quality, and diet-related outcomes during and after pregnancy and across early childhood
- Factors in children's social and physical environments that are associated with cardiometabolic disparities at the intersection of race and ethnicity, geographic region, and rurality

In addition to conducting independent research and publishing in peer-reviewed journals, fellows will contribute to mentoring postbaccalaureate fellows and participate in career development activities, present their research at national scientific meetings, and pursue funding opportunities.

Candidates with superior analytic, written, and oral communication skills; research interests aligned with areas currently under investigation in SBSB; and a strong commitment to promoting a diverse, respectful, and inclusive workplace are encouraged to apply. Before starting their fellowship, postdoctoral fellows in SBSB must have completed the requirements for their doctoral degree in the social and behavioral sciences or closely related field (e.g., psychology, epidemiology, public health, medicine, nutrition, behavioral economics, behavioral neuroscience, sociology) and must have no more than 5 years of research experience since receipt of their doctoral degree.

Applications from women, persons from underrepresented groups, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged. Appointees may be U.S. citizens or resident aliens. This position is subject to a background check. Prospective applicants are encouraged to reach out to SBSB's principal investigators to discuss fellowship opportunities.

### TO APPLY

Applications will be reviewed starting January 15, 2024, and will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applicants should submit the following materials to Dr. Denise Haynie at [denise\\_haynie@nih.gov](mailto:denise_haynie@nih.gov):

- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of research interests
- Three letters of reference
- Official transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Copies of up to three peer-reviewed in-press or in-print publications

