



Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute
of Child Health and Human Development

Division of Intramural Population Health Research
Health Behavior Branch
Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Health Behavior Branch is part of the intramural research program within the Division of Intramural Population Health Research at 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 interventions promoting optimal health and development, and conduct research on the problem of health disparities over the life course. The disciplinary expertise represented in the Branch currently spans the fields of psychology, education, nutrition, and social and psychiatric epidemiology. Research within the Branch seeks to explore 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 surveys, neighborhood and home assessments, and randomized trials.

Current focus areas include: (1) the etiology of child and adolescent health and health-related behaviors including substance use, diet, smoking, and physical activity; (2) etiology and prevention of motor vehicle crash risk among novice young drivers; (3) influence of neurobehavioral, social, and environmental factors on eating behaviors and diet-related health outcomes during pregnancy and early childhood; and (4) developmental risk factors for mental health problems and their outcomes including suicide. Branch scientists are internationally recognized as leaders in these areas and are recruiting fellows with interests overlapping with the mission of the Branch. Postdoctoral fellows collaborate with senior scientists and develop their own initiatives within ongoing research in the Branch.

Candidates legally approved to work in the USA with an earned doctoral degree in the social and behavioral sciences or closely related fields (e.g., psychology, public health, social, psychiatric, or developmental epidemiology, health education, nutrition, quantitative methods) are invited to apply. Preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated research interests in areas currently under investigation in the Branch and with superior analytic and communication skills. Salary is commensurate with training and relevant research experience. These positions will remain open until qualified applicants are found.

Applicants should send: a *curriculum vitae*, official transcripts for undergraduate and graduate degrees, a statement of research interests to be pursued during training, and three letters of reference to the contact listed below.

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