

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



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Texas Department of State
Health Services

Fellowship Name: Public Health Research and Partnership Advancement Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Center for Public Health Policy and Practice (CPHPP)

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: Hybrid. The Fellow will be in office at least three days a week. A telework schedule will be determined once the Fellow is onboarded.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Biostatistics Health Policy and Management

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Health Disparities Rural Communities

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

CPHPP works to improve the health of Texans through linking policy, research, partnerships, and workforce development to public health practice. Public Health Research Advancement and Partnership Advancement sections strive to improve public health system efficiency by identifying opportunities for synergy with partners and demonstrating the impact of programs and policies.

Fellowship Projects

The Fellow will support CPHPP research and partnership projects, including assisting in the review and evaluation of community-led pilot project proposals to improve the health of vulnerable populations in rural communities as part of CPHPP grants. The Fellow will support several initiatives to strengthen agency and community partnerships, including drafting nonprofit and organization profiles for outreach, identifying collaborative opportunities, and operationalizing partnership data for sustainability. The Fellow will assist in beta-testing an agency-wide partnership directory by synthesizing workgroup discussions, drafting a user manual, and capturing utilization metrics. The Fellow will also support analysis and evaluation activities to analyze research activity surveys and develop training curricula with academic partners as part of CPHPP Academic Public Health Partnership initiatives to strengthen the public health workforce and streamline research collaborations.

Fellowship Deliverables

Project deliverables will be based on the individual projects but may include 1) project plans with milestones and timelines; 2) summary reports, briefing documents, or manuscripts; 3) presentations for leadership and external audiences. Fellow expectations and deliverables for each project will be outlined at the start of the project.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

Evaluation: Work on evaluation projects related to CPHPP grant activities and other agency public health priorities. Tasks include conducting literature and scoping reviews, developing evaluation plans, designing surveys and focus groups, and analyzing data. The Fellow will gain experience using specialized software like R, STATA, Tableau, ArcGIS or other software for quantitative and qualitative data analysis and data visualizations.

Communications & Partnership Building: Prepare technical reports, briefs, manuscripts, and presentations for distribution to different audiences. The Fellow will also attend meetings and conferences with other DSHS programs and external stakeholders to network and build partnerships.

Project Management: Identify additional projects, with guidance from their supervisor and subject matter experts, utilizing skills learned throughout the fellowship and prior experience and coursework. The Fellow will build skills in project management by developing a project proposal, milestones, timelines, and tracking progress for projects identified.

Other Duties as Assigned: Support CPHPP staff in other projects and work as assigned. The Fellow may represent CPHPP on agency work groups, committees, and projects to meet center needs.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: \$66,000 - \$72,000

This fellowship is a contractor position and may be eligible for benefits through the contracting agency.

Travel

Percent Travel: 10%

Travel Description:

The Fellow will have the opportunity to travel but it is not required. Travel could include visiting rural communities and attending in-state meetings and conferences.

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

No Requirement

Ability to Write in Spanish:

No Requirement

Preferred Educational Qualifications

(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Master's Degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:

Somewhat Skilled: has done Data Analysis in coursework, but not applied Data Analysis in the real world

Statistical Software Skills:

Somewhat proficient: has some experience using the software, but needs guidance or more training

Statistical Software:

R, SAS, Stata

Other Software:

Tableau, ArcGIS