



Fellowship Name: Public Health Region 11 Binational Tuberculosis Control Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Regional & Local Health Operations; PHR 11 TB & Hansen’s Disease Program, Binational TB

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 601 West Sesame Drive, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: After 6 months, up to two days of telework may be approved.

Public Health Core Discipline: Epidemiology

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Disease Surveillance, Binational Tuberculosis

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

The mission of the Binational Tuberculosis Program is to reduce TB morbidity and mortality in Public Health Region 11 on both sides of border. The binational program “*Grupo Sin Fronteras*” provides TB consultation, clinical management, treatment, and surveillance for binational patients in Matamoros and Reynosa. This program is a collaborative effort between DSHS and our partners in Mexico.

Fellowship Projects

The fellow will assist with the following projects: 1. Strengthening the binational TB Surveillance by entering case and contact investigations into the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS); 2. Assisting with hosting a region-wide TB infection diagnosis training in July; 3 Assisting the TB department in supporting Operation Border Public Health (community free medical and dental services, and community preparedness exercise) in July.

Fellowship Deliverables

Deliverables include Entering Binational TB Case and Contact Data into NEDSS, receiving binational case numbers for work submitted in NEDSS, running reports in NEDSS; assisting with TB training registration, set-up, evaluation and evaluation summary; and develop tip sheet on collecting binational surveillance data and share with binational staff.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

Responsibilities include the following: conduct binational TB surveillance, organize and prioritize TB cases and contacts for data entry, enter binational TB case and contact data into NEDSS; review surveillance information for completeness and accuracy , utilize excel to track surveillance data entered into NEDSS and status of case number approval, maintain binational TB surveillance records on our electronic share drive, run reports in NEDSS; communicate with binational staff in Spanish and English; use Excel and Microsoft applications daily; and attend surveillance and program meetings, and work effectively in a team.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: Tier 1, \$46,000

All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee [benefits](#) including [health insurance](#) and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 5%

Travel Description: Attend trainings and participate in annual Office of Border Public Health training.

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:

Good: Fellow can speak well enough to participate in most conversations. Native speakers notice some errors in the Fellow's speech or understanding, but the errors rarely cause misunderstanding.

Ability to Write in Spanish:

Good: Fellow can write well enough to communicate most information. Fellow may make some errors, but these errors rarely cause misunderstanding.

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: Bachelor'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:

No Preference

Statistical Software Skills:

No Preference

Statistical Software:

N/A

Other Software:

Microsoft Suite, Excel proficiency