

Health Promotion Policy Fellowship Program

The Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE), based in Washington, DC has been serving state and territorial health departments and their community partners for over 60 years. In a 5-year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), DHPE is addressing five program areas: (1) deliver curriculum on health policy and environmental change to professionals; (2) provide public health internships and fellowships for students from minority serving institutions; (3) develop new approaches to achieving health equity; (4) improve the capacity of states to conduct health promotion policy activities; and, (5) support systems changes for school health. DHPE's long-term outcomes are to reduce morbidity and premature deaths, and ensure longer healthier lives for all Americans.

The goal of the **Health Promotion Policy Fellowship Program** is to address emerging needs of health equity, public health and health disparities, and to provide leadership and professional opportunities at state and local health departments for recent graduates and doctoral level students of schools and programs of public health.

The overall intent of the program is to enhance the preparation of future public health professionals with an emphasis on health disparity by providing unique training opportunities in prevention policy. The support offered through this program will expand minority representation in the public health prevention workforce and provide fellows an opportunity to gain practical, first-hand experience in prevention research. Secondly, it will provide a link to academic institutions in the preparation of the public health workforce around the areas of prevention policy and health equity.

The fellowship is at no-cost to the state or the local health department. DHPE will serve as the administrator of the program. The stipend level for the one year fellowship positions will range from \$40,500 to \$48,000 per year and is based on the education level/degree requirement of the fellowship position. The fellowship stipend does not include any additional payment for living expenses or relocation expenses. Fellows are also required to maintain their own health insurance while in the fellowship program. However, in addition to the fellowship stipend, the fellow will have access to a \$4,000 "fellowship allowance" that is intended to cover health/dental/vision insurance premiums.

Fellowship positions are full-time opportunities for the duration of 12 months. To be eligible, applicants have received a master degree (MPH preferred) or doctorate degree prior to the beginning of the fellowship. Early career professionals, those who are within 2 years of graduation, are eligible to apply for the fellowship program. All fellows will be required to attend a competency-based policy training course which is administered by DHPE.

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