



YOU CAN BE A PUBLIC HEALTH HERO

APPLY TO CDC'S EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (EIS)

Name a major public health event in the past 60 years, and chances are an EIS officer was at the scene. As the nation's public health agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has long been known for its famous EIS officers, also known as disease detectives. CDC's boots-on-the-ground disease detectives investigate disease outbreaks all over the world, from U.S. cities to rural towns to remote global villages. They discover emerging new microbes and identify health threats. Their detective work protects people and saves lives.

EIS OFFICERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As an EIS officer, you can make a difference, whether you seek to contain infectious diseases, protect workers from deadly falls, reduce the impact of chronic diseases, enhance global health security, analyze complex data sets, or propose better bike paths. EIS officers are physicians, veterinarians, other health professionals, and doctoral-level scientists — people like you who share a passion to serve and make a difference.

“From tracking down transplant recipients who received rabies virus–exposed organs to helping discover a brand new species of orthopoxvirus in the country of Georgia, the 2 years I spent as an EIS officer were among the most rewarding in my professional career. You come in each day excited to investigate something new.”

Neil Vora, MD,
EIS Class of 2012

YOU CAN HAVE A LIFE-CHANGING CAREER EXPERIENCE

Hurricanes, floodwaters, viruses, and bacteria leave death and illness in their wake. If your instinct is to go forward when others would retreat, EIS may be an ideal experience for you.

“EIS officers not only learn epidemiologic skills, they put those skills to use by serving on the public health frontlines. I was attracted to EIS because it gives me the opportunity to use my skills to improve the lives of thousands, rather than one patient at a time.”

Geoffrey Whitfield, PhD,
EIS Class of 2013



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CHOOSE EIS AS YOUR GATEWAY TO AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER

EIS paved the way for many graduates to have successful careers at CDC, state or local health departments, and other organizations and pursue their passion for making a difference. Some EIS graduates are internationally recognized public health heroes. Many graduates have gone on to leadership positions in public health, medicine, academia, research, industry, foundations and nongovernmental organizations, and the media.

“EIS has been influential in so many ways ... I remember coming home from work my first week in my assignment and thinking, ‘I can’t believe I get paid to do this’.”

Tom Frieden, MD, CDC Director, EIS Class of 1990

“EIS was absolutely amazing. It prepared me for all of the twists and turns my career has taken. More importantly, it is where I fell in love with public health and its power to change the world.”

Richard Besser, MD, ABC News Chief Health and Medical Editor, EIS Class of 1991

ASK AN ALUM ABOUT EIS

An alum will tell you that the 2 years spent as an EIS officer was an experience of a lifetime. You may hear stories about working alongside local health officials to control the spread of a deadly disease. You may hear how working with people who survived hurricanes and earthquakes led to a decision to pursue a lifelong public health career. E-mail us at EIS@cdc.gov and we will connect you with an alum.

“In my first year as an EIS officer, I have tracked Ebola cases in Sierra Leone, worked to better understand giardiasis surveillance in the U.S., released emergency botulism antitoxin stores to U.S. hospitals, and helped launch a study to improve water supplies in rural Kenya. Through EIS, I have made wonderful friends and learned a tremendous amount about emergency response and service to the public.”

Katie Curran, PhD, EIS Class of 2014

