



CDC-Emory Fellowship

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch and Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health are offering a joint 1-year Public Health Fellowship. The **Global Complex Humanitarian Emergency Fellowship** is a competitive fellowship that invests in its fellows to create public health leaders in developing countries. Through the program, nominating institutions and organizations build internal capacity and increase both general public health and complex humanitarian crisis response competence. Scholars will work closely with the CDC in developing a relevant practicum/thesis project that can be implemented by their sponsoring organization/agency upon completion of the fellowship.

This fellowship is intended to build:

- **National capacity** to respond in the event of a complex humanitarian emergency;
- **Strong technical skills** in epidemiology, rapid health assessment, surveillance, surveys, data analysis, monitoring and evaluation; and
- **Relationships** and collaborative operations research projects.

Components of the fellowship include:

- One-year Masters in Public Health in the Global Health Department
- Graduate Certificate in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies
- Applied research project chosen by the sponsoring agency that will address a critical public health need in the fellow's country

Eligibility Requirements

This fellowship is intended for mid-career professionals with the following minimum qualifications:

- Three years field experience in conflict or post conflict, resource poor settings;
- Baccalaureate degree;
- Fluent speaking, reading and writing in English; and
- Basic computer skills.

Please note:

- Sponsoring agencies must approve the leave of a candidate for one year with the understanding that if s/he is awarded a fellowship, s/he will return to work for the organization for at least one year.
- Priority will be given to candidates from organizations working in conflict and post conflict settings.
- Priority will be given to individuals from countries and regions affected by conflicts and / or humanitarian emergencies.
- Preference will be given to candidates with MD or post-baccalaureate education.



Fellowship Components

a. Academic Requirements

Completion of an MPH degree with a specialty in Global Health requires 42 semester hours of course work. Scholars will complete these requirements in one calendar year. Scholars are required to take RSPH/departmental core courses as well as required courses for the Complex Humanitarian Emergency Graduate Certificate. All courses must be taken for a letter grade and fellows must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Please note: Because of the rigorous nature of completing the program in two semesters there is little flexibility in the academic program. The following outlines the expectations.

Fall Semester

Table with 3 columns: Course Number, Course Name, Credit Hours. Lists courses like BIOS 500, EH 500, EPI 530, GH 501, HPM 500, BSHE 500, GH 531, GH 581, GH 595, Elective, and Total Credit Hours: 19.

Spring Semester

Table with 3 columns: Course Number, Course Name, Credit Hours. Lists courses like GH 515, GH 510, GH 533, GH 512, GH 529, GH 542, GH 591Q, GH 560, GH 538, and Total Credit Hours: 19.

Summer Semester

Table with 3 columns: Course Number, Course Name, Credit Hours. Lists GH 599R Thesis and Total Credit Hours: 4.



b. Applied Research

Scholars are expected to bring a rigorous applied research project with them that will be implemented by their sponsoring agency/organization upon completion of the fellowship. This project should deal with a critical public health or humanitarian emergencies issue. The fellow will work closely with the CDC for approximately 10 hours a week in order to develop their research project and will write the project up over the summer and submit it as a part of their graduation requirements.

CDC staff will work closely with fellows to provide oversight, field expertise and technical assistance to develop strong research projects. Project support will be specifically tailored to a fellow’s intended research, based on the nominating agency and country priorities as well as the fellow’s interest.

Core competencies that will be developed through this research project include discipline specific skills in:

- Biostatistics, such as the development of statistical reasoning;
- Environmental Health Sciences, including understanding environmental factors that affect the target population;
- Epidemiology, such as identifying disease patterns in the target population;
- Health Policy and Management, including understanding the delivery, quality and costs of program components of the research project;
- Social and Behavioral Sciences, such as researching behavioral and cultural factors related to healthcare and health disparities.

It is expected that the research project will incorporate specific competencies from the above discipline specific skills areas as well as interdisciplinary/cross-cutting competencies including:

- Communication and informatics
- Diversity and culture
- Leadership
- Public health biology
- Professionalism
- Program planning
- Systems thinking

c. Practical Logistics

Emory University will provide:

Food/Housing/Local Transportation	✓	\$2,187/month*
Travel to/from Home Country	✓	\$3,000 (one time stipend)
Health Insurance	✓	For full year

*Based on 2011 fellowship, 2012 award is subject to budget changes

Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health has a number of international fellows programs and provides assistance in securing housing as well as an in-depth orientation for all international fellows prior to the start of the school year.



Application Process

The application process is by nomination only. A Supervisor and Senior Director must approve the application and ensure the candidate has approval to attend Emory University for 1 year with the understanding that s/he will return to work for the nominating organization for at least one year should s/he be selected as a fellow.

The application sections **MUST** be filled out in their entirety. Any applications not fully completed will not be considered. Additionally, the application packet must include the following:

- Certified and sealed college transcripts including post-baccalaureate transcripts if applicable;
- Essay providing a clear description of the proposed research project as well as the goals and expectations for the project during the fellowship;
- Curriculum Vitae or resume, written in English;
- Photocopy of a valid passport;
- Proof of registration for the TOEFL and GRE (note TOEFL and GRE do not to be taken in order for the application to be submitted, proof of registration is sufficient).
- Three references (to be sent directly to the CDC)

Application Schedule

February 27, 2012:	Completed application due to CDC
March 30, 2012:	TOEFL and GRE must be taken and score requested to be given to Emory University
May 15, 2012:	CDC/Rollins School of Public Health selects the fellow(s) for 2012 academic year

TOEFL and GRE Test

There are no waivers for the TOEFL and GRE tests. It is the responsibility of the applicant to research the dates and locations of testing for both the TOEFL and GRE. Please note that testing availability varies greatly from country to country. More information on the tests can be found at:

- **TOEFL:** <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>
- **GRE:** <http://www.ets.org/gre/>

FAQs for the Applicant

1. I cannot find a testing site for the TOEFL or GRE in my country, what do I do?

We recognize that some applicants may need to travel to other cities in their country, or in rare cases, to other countries to have access to a testing site. We regret the amount of travel that might be required, but can make no exceptions to the testing policy. We do suggest, however, that potential applications contact the testing organizations directly to find the closest site to them.



2. I do not have a baccalaureate, are other types of education sufficient?

In some countries the equivalent to a 4-year bachelor's degree is called something different such as an Honors degree (common in countries that follow the British education system) or a License (common in countries that follow the French education system). As long as the degree is equivalent to a baccalaureate degree it meets the education requirement. Two-year degrees (called Associate Degrees in the United States) or trade/skill school certificates are not sufficient to meet the education requirement for this fellowship.

3. I am married, may my family accompany me?

The fellowship stipend is not intended or sufficient to house and feed a spouse and/or family. If a successful candidate would like to bring his/her family we do not prohibit it but cannot provide any monetary resources for travel or living expenses.

4. What types of projects are appropriate for the research project with the CDC?

Any rigorous research project that will have an immediate, practical application in the candidate's home country and deals with a critical public health or humanitarian emergencies need is an appropriate project. We expect that the project scope will be determined by the particular needs of the applicant's country and the priorities of the applicant's nominating agency/organization. The CDC will work with fellows to further develop the research project.

5. What can I expect during my year fellowship?

This is a very rigorous year. Most MPH programs at Emory University are completed in two years. In order to be able to complete the requirements in one year, the course load is heavy and the expectations of the fellows are high. There is significant support from both Emory University and CDC for our fellows but it should be expected that there will be little free time and the academic and applied research requirements are significant.

6. How fluent should my English be?

All classes are taught in English and all course materials are in English as well. It is essential that our fellows are fully conversant in English and can both read and write English very well.

7. What does basic computer skills mean?

At a minimum a successful candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint and Excel) as well as have good Internet research skills.

8. Can I get more information about the CDC branch I will be working with?

The International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch (IERHB) is responsible for implementing and coordinating the CDC's response to complex humanitarian emergencies, as requested by U.S. government and United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. Our mission is to improve the health of populations affected by complex



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humanitarian emergencies such as war, famine, civil strife, disaster, genocide, drought and displacement. We are a technical group working in diverse public health areas. We work with the fellows as peers and value the exchange of information that the program brings.

FAQs for the Nominating Organization

1. How do I know the qualifications that make a good candidate for the fellowship?

A good candidate will have a strong work ethic and a dedication to improving the quality of life in his/her country.

Additionally, a successful candidate should have:

- several years field experience working in conflict or post conflict, resource poor settings.
- an excellent grasp of spoken and written English.
- a strong interest in the proposed research project and able to be a leader in its implementation and management when s/he returns.
- Ability to train others in the skills s/he learned and apply them to projects in addition to the proposed research project.

2. How much contact will I have with my employee if selected as a fellow?

While your employee will be in another country and busy with a rigorous academic schedule, you will probably have more contact with him/her than you might expect. The fellow will be in regular contact with his/her sponsoring agencies as the research project develops. Beyond the collaboration on the research project, it is up to the fellow's supervisor how much regular contact s/he wants.

3. What is expected of my organization when our fellow returns?

Any organization whose nomination is accepted into the program is expected to implement the research project as soon as possible.

4. What are the costs associated with the application and who pays for them?

The CDC does not charge an application fee. There are, however, fees to take both the TEOFL and the GRE. The costs vary country to country but are somewhere around \$400 USD excluding travel costs. It is up to the nominating organization how they want to address the cost of testing, but neither the CDC nor Emory University can assist in underwriting them.

5. What are the costs associated with the fellowship program and who pays for them?

The CDC and Rollins School of Public Health underwrite the entire costs of the fellowship. The total cost of the program is estimated at more than \$72,000. The cost breakdown is:

Tuition	✓	\$52,800 [#]
Living Expenses	✓	\$17,000* (based on 10 mos.)
Travel Expenses	✓	\$3,000*
Health Insurance	✓	\$2,360* (based 2011 fees)

[#]The cost of a traditional 2 year MPH program at Rollins

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