



OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION
RESEARCH PARTICIPATION PROGRAM
U.S. ARMY CENTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION MEDICINE (USACHPPM)
BELCAMP, MARYLAND

Clinical Social Work- Behavioral Health Project at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

Project #CHPPM FY2008-49

The Research Participation Program for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM) provides opportunities to participate in USACHPPM on-going applied research projects in the areas of epidemiology, environmental health engineering, entomological sciences, ionizing and nonionizing radiation, occupational and environmental health, industrial hygiene and worksite hazards, environmental sanitation and hygiene, and laboratory services worldwide.

PROJECT DETAILS

An appointment is available at the USACHPPM, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD in the Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance (DEDS), Behavioral and Social Health Outcomes Program. The incumbent will work as part of a team of epidemiologists, social workers, health educators, and statisticians to analyze Army data on behavioral and social health issues and develop evidence-based policies and programs to promote and maximize the psychological health of Army Soldiers, Families, communities, and units.

Background: No comprehensive behavioral health epidemiology and surveillance program exists to evaluate the full spectrum of psychological health and social wellness in Army communities. Great demand exists for such capacity, as evidenced by increasing requests from Army leadership (OTSG, Army G-1, the Proponency for Rehabilitation and Reintegration, etc.) for actionable data on population health indicators in this area. USACHPPM recently received funding from MEDCOM to build a Behavioral and Social Health Outcomes program.

This appointment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Provide expert advice to epidemiologists constructing a behavioral health data base and surveillance system. Scope of duties includes recommending which variables and outcomes to collect and analyze, questionnaire development, and providing clinical context for surveillance information
- Analyze, interpret and disseminate information regarding the status, trends, and determinants of the behavioral health and fitness of America's Army
- Identify and evaluate obstacles to behavioral health readiness and establish a basis for preventive action.
- Assist in the coordination, planning, and execution of behavioral health research investigations, field studies, field surveys, and program evaluations relating to behavioral health epidemiology.
- Assess epidemiological trends in emerging social behaviors and provide clinical input regarding their implications for behavioral health research.
- Establish and provide behavioral health and social epidemiology expertise and support to the Army to include the ability to project behavioral health epidemiology field consultation (EPICON) world-wide on short notice.
- Develop outreach and educational programs for Army leaders and installations to advance knowledge of the social and environmental risk factors impacting on the health of individuals, organizations and communities.
- Provide expert consultation to the Army in the development, implementation and assessment of evidence-based policies and programs that promote and maximize the psychological and social health of our soldiers, families, organizations, and communities in the Army.
- Present research at least once a year.
- Travel within the U.S. and possibly outside the U.S. if required.



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ELIGIBILITY and PROGRAM DETAILS

Applicants should have received a master's or doctoral degree in Clinical Social Work, or related discipline within three years of the desired starting date, or completion of all requirements for the degree should be expected on or about the starting date. **Applicants should also have an MPH or background in Public Health.** Other applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The program is open to all qualified U.S. citizens without regard to race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, or status as a Vietnam era or disabled veteran.

The participants will be selected based on academic records, recommendations, applied research interests and compatibility of background with applied research programs and projects at USACHPPM and/or the host Installation.

The initial appointment is for **one year** and may be renewed for up to four additional years for Postdocs, and up to three additional years for Master's based upon recommendation of USACHPPM and subject to availability of funds. The appointment is **full time** at USACHPPM.

The participant will receive a monthly stipend. The stipend rate is determined based upon level of education, training, and experience. Inbound travel and moving expenses are reimbursed according to established policies. Travel and other costs will also be reimbursed for training related to the project and approved by **ORISE** and the host installation.

The participant must show proof of health and medical insurance. Health plans are available through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for Postgraduate Internship participants. The appointment is full time at the host installation.

APPLICATION and DEADLINE

Applications are accepted and processed on a continuing basis. The Research Participation Program for USACHPPM is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. Please reference **Project #CHPPM FY2008-49** when calling, emailing, or writing for information. For immediate consideration applicants may forward resumes or vitas to the email address listed below. Additional information and application material can be found on the following website www.ORAU.org/Maryland.

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