

Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship

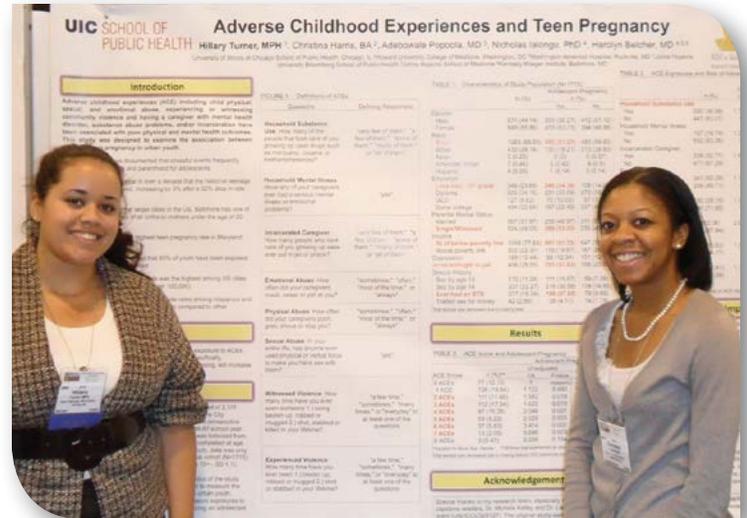
Who We Are

The Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship provides public health research and professional development in the area of infectious diseases and health disparities, with a special focus on increasing knowledge and interest in public health careers among students from underrepresented populations. The nine-week fellowship program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fellows may also gain clinical experience and develop leadership skills.

The Fellowship

All fellows participate in an orientation at the Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins Hospital campus focusing on research design, infectious diseases, urban health issues, and promotion of health equity. Following orientation, fellows participate in a variety of infectious diseases research experiences at either the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, or one of the Baltimore, Maryland sites.

Fellows assigned to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site may participate in infectious diseases research in epidemiology, laboratory science, public health education, policy, economics, informatics, and communications. Fellows assigned to Baltimore may participate in infectious diseases research at Kennedy Krieger Institute, The Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine, Nursing, or Public Health, or the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Kennedy Krieger/Johns Hopkins/Maryland Department of Health site integrates clinical opportunities and clinical research experiences in HIV prevention, sexually transmitted infection treatment, and epidemiology of drug resistance in the hospital, state, and community settings.



Our Fellows

To qualify for the fellowship, applicants should meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Students must be currently enrolled as a full-time student in a medical, dental, pharmacy, veterinary, or public health graduate program.
- Students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Students must be able to commit to the full length of the fellowship.

Students should have a strong interest in addressing health disparities related to infectious diseases. Students who are members of underrepresented populations as defined by the federal government (cdc.gov/minorityhealth/ExecutiveOrders.html) are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Program Benefits

If selected for this nine-week summer program, fellows receive a stipend and membership in the American Public Health Association, and (as funding allows) are sponsored to attend a scientific meeting. Out-of-state students will receive round-trip travel and housing.

The fellowship is designed to offer students outstanding educational and professional opportunities. Participants are expected to:

- Attend weekly public health learning seminars during the summer and ongoing distance learning seminars during the school year as academic schedule allows.
- Deliver a formal research or public health presentation to peers and mentors at the end of the summer session.
- Submit a research abstract to a national scientific meeting. Students will be sponsored to attend the meeting as funding allows.

What Do Former Students Say?

“One of the most beneficial (and coolest) aspects of the program was seeing how the CDC operates... networking is a major part of what I’ve been able to do at the CDC. I have a better idea of what I would (and would not) want to do in my future career in public health.”

“My mentor was amazing. She gave me numerous opportunities to develop my research as well as clinical skills. These opportunities included selecting a research project based on my interests, shadowing during grand rounds, participating in outreach events such as Baltimore Pride, and attending infectious diseases conferences.”

Contact and Application Information

For more information and to apply, please visit kennedykrieger.org/Ferguson or email Ferguson_Fellowship@kennedykrieger.org.

Application must be submitted by January 31.

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