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## **Student Research Opportunities and Fellowships**

2017 Gulf Research Program Science Policy Fellowships--The science policy fellowship program helps early-career scientists hone their skills by putting them to practice for the benefit of Gulf Coast communities and ecosystems. Fellows gain firsthand policymaking experience as they spend a year on the staff of federal or state environmental, natural resource, oil and gas, or public health agencies in the Gulf of Mexico region. This immersive experience is mutually beneficial for fellows and their hosts. By delving into activities like research, evaluation, restoration planning, stakeholder outreach, and policy development, fellows learn what it takes to make scientific information not just useful but useable. Meanwhile, host offices get a talented technical expert with a fresh perspective and a new network of contacts across the Gulf of Mexico region. Fellows who have completed an MA, MS, or MPH degree or who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program will receive an annual stipend of \$45,000. Fellows who have completed a PhD, ScD, MD, or DVM will receive an annual stipend of \$55,000. Stipends will be paid directly to the fellow in monthly disbursements. **Deadline** Date: February 22, 2017. http://www.nas.edu/gulf/fellowships/sciencepolicy/index.htm

AFSP Young Investigator Innovation Grant --- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is committed to funding innovative research in all areas related to suicide. Both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, provided that the proposed study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention. All AFSP research grants are designed to support research on suicide from a variety of disciplines including psychiatry, medicine, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, neurobiology, sociology, nursing, health services administration and many others. Grants are not intended to support the development or implementation of prevention programs, educational programs, treatments, or other interventions that do not have a significant research component. An additional purpose of the Young Investigator Grant is to assist new researchers to obtain the advice, guidance and supervision of an

established mentor in a selected area of suicide research. Grants support studies aimed at increasing the understanding of the causes of suicide and factors related to suicide risk, or that test treatments and other interventions designed to prevent suicide. At least one suicide outcome measure must be included in all grant projects. It also considers studies of treatment feasibility, and studies that add a suicide component (e.g., population or treatment) to an existing grant in another area. Grants awarded to investigators at or below the level of assistant professor. These grants must allocate \$10,000 (\$5,000 per year) of their award for an established suicide researcher to mentor the Young Investigator. AFSP is available to assist you in identifying a suitable mentor. **Deadline Date: November 15, 2017.** https://afsp.org/our-work/research/grant-information/

ASPHH/CDC Public Health Fellowship Program -- This fellowship program is a collaborative effort between the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). One of the primary purposes of this effort is to "identify new approaches and opportunities for field experience in which graduate candidates and early career professionals with graduate degrees can practice applying skills and knowledge learned in the classroom and field." The program's purpose is to enable early career professionals, an opportunity to round out their academic training and gain practical public health experience. Fellows will benefit from: exposure to state-of-the-art technology and databases; acquisition of skills and knowledge to enhance their careers; and interaction with technical experts in their chosen fields. Upon completion of the program, fellows will have made useful contributions to projects of national public health importance that are related to the mission of the CDC. Fellowship opportunities will be located either at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, or a CDC regional office. Deadline Date September 29, 2017. http://www.aspph.org/study/fellowships-and-internships/

**RWJF Health Policy Research Scholars** - The goal of the program is to create a large cadre of diverse doctoral students from a wide variety of research-focused disciplines-students whose research, connections, and leadership will inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health. Specifically, the program aims to recruit doctoral students

from a variety of field/disciplines (e.g., urban planning, health, political science, economics, ethnography, education, social work, sociology) who are training to be researchers. The program will enroll scholars interested in learning to translate their research into health policy and who are from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Scholars in this program - which is designed to enhance and enrich the doctoral program - will complete the HPRS program concurrently with their doctoral program. The program will award stipends for up to 50 scholars for the 2017 cohort. Each scholar will receive an annual stipend of \$30,000 for up to four years. Stipend funding will be initiated for program participants on September 1, 2017. Grants will be made to the Scholars' home institution to support the Scholar's participation in the program. Application Due Date: March 29, 2017. http://healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org/

APHA Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award and Retirement Foundation Masters Student Research Award - The Aging and Public Health Section has an impressive awards portfolio that highlights aging issues and recognizes those who have taken positive action in support of older adults. Nominations for all awards, except the Cumulative Achievement Awards, are concurrent with the APHA call for abstracts. Application Due Date(s): February 24, 2017. https://www.apha.org/apha-communities/member-sections/aging-and-public-health/who-we-are/awards