



## **American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Drug Abuse Research Fellow**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), in partnership with the National Cancer Institute, seeks to recruit a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow to work at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

This full-time fellowship position in NIDA's Native American Program provides outstanding opportunities for training and professional development. The fellow will interact daily with researchers in public health both within and outside of NIH.

### **Position Description**

The Fellow will function as a member of the Native American Program within the Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research within NIDA and will work directly with scientists on projects. Research areas include American Indian and Alaska Native drug abuse, especially opioid and methamphetamine abuse; data sovereignty and sharing issues for publicly available or otherwise shared data for both reservation and non-reservation AI/AN; and community responses to drug abuse issues. Day to day activities might include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting literature reviews;
- Identifying and working to convene researchers working with AI/AN communities for in- person and phone meetings to address drug abuse and/or data sharing;
- Supporting activities to advance AI/AN drug abuse research such as meetings and working groups;
- Gathering materials (both primary data collection instruments and identifying secondary data opportunities) to measure drug use among AI/AN;
- Analyzing research portfolios and potentially aiding in the development of funding initiatives;
- Potential opportunities to write journal articles and reports or present at scientific conferences depending on the level and initiative of the Fellow;
- Participating in staff meetings and lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by NIH, and:

Additionally, the Fellow will have the opportunity to initiate and develop his or her own projects.

### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelors, Master's or PhD in behavioral science is preferred.
- A strong interest in American Indian and Alaska Native science or generally in health disparities, including a focus on drug abuse and related health outcomes.
- Experience conducting literature reviews and organizing and presenting findings
- Experience or familiarity with conducting research or serving as a research assistant.
- Excellent organizational, planning, writing, and project-management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently and on research teams

## Application Requirements

1. Cover letter — Provide an explanation of your interest in the BRP fellowship program, your professional development goals, and your research interests.
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Proof of citizenship or resident alien status (e.g., photocopy of birth certificate or passport)
5. Official transcripts and/or proof of academic good standing — Send transcript of highest degree conferred. If currently enrolled in school, proof of academic good standing must be sent on official letterhead and signed by your graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent.

Note: To qualify for the position, the candidate must be a US citizen or resident alien, or have an I-551 stamp in his or her passport. Individuals with Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) are not eligible.

This is a one year long fellowship position and it is not anticipated that it will be extended beyond one year.

Materials should be submitted via email to Kathy Etz at [Ketz@nih.gov](mailto:Ketz@nih.gov) and to Chanvadey Nhim at [cnhim@nida.nih.gov](mailto:cnhim@nida.nih.gov) ; paper copies and official transcripts and/or proof of academic standing must be mailed to

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## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND POSITION START DATE

This announcement will remain active until the position has been filled. Start date is negotiable, though fall of 2019 or winter of 2020 is preferred.

## STIPEND AND BENEFITS

Stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. Find more information at <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/research/stipend.html> . Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland, close to Bethesda and near downtown DC.

## PROGRAM CONTACT

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