

NOPREN Work Group Fellow Position

The NOPREN Food Security Work Group is seeking a Work Group Fellow to support its Work Group (WG) activities.

NOPREN OVERVIEW

The CDC's Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN) aims to foster understanding of the effectiveness of policies to prevent obesity through improved access to affordable, healthier foods and beverages in childcare, schools, worksite, and other community settings. NOPREN is comprised of academic researchers, CDC representatives, federal government liaisons, and public health practitioners that conduct research, policy evaluation, and implementation (see www.nopren.ucsf.edu). In addition to hosting expert-led, network-wide monthly calls featuring a presentation on innovative research and emerging topics in the field, NOPREN supports seven Work Groups each focusing on a different topic area. The current NOPREN Work Groups are:

- COVID-19 Food & Nutrition
- Drinking Water Access
- Early Childhood*
- Food Policy Councils
- Food Service Guidelines
- Food Security
- Healthy Food Retail*
- Rural Food Access
- School Wellness

**Denotes Work Group's co-sponsored by Healthy Eating Research, a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

FOOD SECURITY WORK GROUP OVERVIEW

The Food Security Work Group is comprised of an interdisciplinary team of researchers and leaders committed to raising awareness of and improving nutrition policies and priorities in the hunger safety net through shared research and evaluation. The mission of the WG is to build a network of researchers and leaders from academia, non-profit organizations, government, and other funding agencies to increase the amount and quality of research and evaluation in the area of nutrition and obesity prevention in the hunger safety net setting, and to support and facilitate the development and implementation of evidence-informed policies and practices.

The WG meets for an hour, every other month, and meetings typically consist of presentations by experts in the field. There may also be subgroups that meet on an ad hoc basis to work on specific collaborative, project-related activities.

Each WG usually consists of 2 co-chairs, who lead the overall direction and agenda for the WG and assist with identifying expert speakers and working group projects for the coming year. In addition to co-chairs, each WG has a Fellow (typically a PhD student or post-doc) who works closely with the co-chairs to provide logistical support and coordination for all WG activities.

FELLOW ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fellow assists the co-chairs with the following:

- Identifying relevant topics and speakers for the monthly calls
- Coordinating with speakers to help them prepare for their presentation

- Working with NOPREN Coordinator to monitor and update the WG page of NOPREN website
- Taking minutes during working group meetings and leadership calls
- Sending out reminders, announcements, and other information pertinent to the group
- Assisting the co-chairs with WG projects, including engaging with WG members to develop products, scheduling meetings, and providing overall coordination to ensure that products/projects move forward
- Participate in and/or assist in organizing activities or projects of sub-groups or learning collaboratives (used interchangeably) of the working groups.

FELLOW POSITION DETAILS

- The HER NOPREN WG Fellowship is a one-year position, with the possibility of extending.
- Fellows receive an annual, \$1000 stipend.
- The workload can vary, but on average a Fellow can anticipate contributing 5-10 hours per month, depending on project-specific activities.
- Involvement can provide an excellent platform for networking and collaborating with others in the field. WG Fellows typically have an opportunity to contribute to published manuscripts (sometimes serving as lead author) or the development of other tools and resources.

Visit us at <https://nopren.ucsf.edu/food-security> to learn more about the Food Security Work Group and the NOPREN Network. Please contact NOPREN@ucsf.edu if you are interested in applying for the fellow position.