



Center for Diversity in  
Public Health Leadership Training  
at Kennedy Krieger Institute

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.  
Your response has been recorded.

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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in applying to serve as a research mentor, preceptor, or coach for the Ferguson RISE Fellowship Program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Ferguson RISE Fellowship provides graduate level scholar with experience in the prevention, identification, and treatment of health disparities related to emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases using techniques that include, but are not limited to, epidemiology, advanced molecular detection, wastewater surveillance, biostatistics, bioinformatics, community- based participatory approaches working with populations at risk for health disparities, i.e., individuals from marginalized racial and ethnic populations, individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals with mental health disorders, LGBTQ+ populations, and other populations adversely impacted by social and political determinants of health. Research projects may include a wide range of topics, such as antibiotic-resistant infections, foodborne infections, global health, laboratory sciences, one health, public health preparedness, state, local, and tribal health, technological innovations (e.g., genomics, bioinformatics), vector-borne, waterborne, and fungal infections, and health policy research. In-person research experiences are the standard.

Please note that while we greatly appreciate your application, selection as a mentor, preceptor, or coach is not guaranteed. *You will be notified about your fellow match status, following the student interview period - first week in January for 6-month fellows and later half of March for summer and 12-month fellows.*

Additional information and resources may be found on the mentor website and accompanying video.

**NEW in 2023-2028!!** There are now three types of Ferguson RISE Fellows tracks for graduate students:

1. Summer (June through the last week in July with a Research Symposium during the first week in August)
2. 6-month part-time (or full-time) - (February - last week in July)
3. 12-month full time (Begins in June through May of the following year)

We understand that there may be unforeseen public health emergencies that must be addressed, however as you consider research mentoring, please reflect on the following:

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Considerations for hosting research a Ferguson RISE Fellow:

1. Do you have a research project with available data that a Fellow can reasonably complete to the point of data analysis and data presentation within 8 weeks (for summer fellows), 6 months working 19 hours/week, and 12 months full time? **Please Note:** Ferguson RISE Fellows are expected to produce a poster of their research at the CDC Showcase and Expo during the last week in July. Summer scholars are expected to give an oral PowerPoint presentation of their research at the CDC following the CDC Showcase and Expo.
2. If you are unavailable, is there a substitute mentor or preceptor who will be able to work with the Fellow?
3. Will all necessary data, equipment, reagents, IRB approval, etc., be available by February 1 for 6-month projects or June 1 for summer projects?
4. Most importantly, do I have sufficient time to spend with the Ferguson Fellow, i.e., at least 30-60 minutes per week to meet individually with the Ferguson Fellow regarding the Fellows' research and professional development?

If you have answered YES to the above four questions. The CDC requests research mentors sign this Mentor Agreement that includes demographic information, project description, and background information and area of professional and research focus mentors / preceptors.

Thank you for completing this form and information request.

#### **Definitions:**

**Mentor** – An individual who provides professional research guidance/sponsorship, training support, direct research instruction/oversight and supervision to fellows on their projects.

**Preceptor** - An individual who provides technical research guidance and oversight only.

**Coach** – An individual who is responsible for providing general support, counseling, and encouragement related to academic and/or professional development for fellows.

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## Consent for Research Participation

Please note that the information collected in this survey serves a dual purpose.

1. First, the information you provide via this survey is required by the funding agency for program evaluation.
2. Second, with your permission, the information you provide will be used for research purposes (i.e., to test hypotheses about the effectiveness of program curricula and activities).

Participation in this research is voluntary. Your permission (or lack of permission) in this research will have no effect on your current or future relationship with the Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership at Kennedy Krieger Institute. You may cancel your permission to use your information at anytime by contacting Dr. Harolyn Belcher ([CenterforDiversity@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:CenterforDiversity@kennedykrieger.org)). Your cancellation will not affect information already collected. Only de-identified (or limited, e.g., including dates) data will be used in research publications. We will use the findings from this survey with other data, to evaluate and improve the program. This study has been reviewed and approved by the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutional Review Board [IRB00398423; Principal Investigator: Harolyn M.E. Belcher, MD, MHS]. If you have any questions regarding this survey study, please contact: Harolyn M.E. Belcher, MD, MHS Director, Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership Training Kennedy Krieger Institute 716 North Broadway Baltimore MD 21205 Office:(443) 923-5933 [CenterforDiversity@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:CenterforDiversity@kennedykrieger.org)

Completing this Ferguson RISE Mentor Agreement Application does not guarantee that a Ferguson RISE Fellow will be matched with you on your proposed project.

I agree that the information provided in this survey can be used for research in aggregate and de-identified (or limited, e.g., dates may be used) format.

Yes

No

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## Research Preceptor and Mentor Information

Honorific (e.g., Ms., Mr., Dr., etc.)	Dr.
First Name	Ferguson
Last Name	Fellowship
Degree (e.g., MD, MPH, PhD, etc.)	MD
Position Title	Researcher
Address:	111 Baltimore Rd
City	Baltimore
State (Please use two letter abbreviation for state)	MD
Zip Code	21205
Office Phone Number xxx-xxx-xxxx	111-111-1111
Cell Phone for urgent contact xxx-xxx-xxxx	222-222-2222
Email Address	Fellowship@gmail.com
Institution/Organization	Institution
Department	Department

I am a mentor/preceptor for the:

- Baltimore Partners (Kennedy Krieger Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Local or State Health Department)**
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta
- CDC Satellite Sites (e.g., Alaska, Hawaii, Colorado, etc.)
- CUNY School of Public Health
- Howard University
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- National Public Health Departments or Laboratories
- Rollins School of Public Health at Emory
- Not listed above (Describe)

Select the Ferguson RISE Fellowship public health research track(s) on which you can serve as primary research mentor for a graduate student (select all that apply)?

- 6- month (part-time student, February through July - note fellows may be continue part-time or full-time during the summer )**
  - 6-month (full-time student, February through July)**
  - 12-month (full-time student)**
  - Summer (full-time student from the first week in June through July; Ferguson RISE Summer Research Symposium the first week in August)**
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Is your research experience

- In-Person (Preferred)**
  - Hybrid (Combination of In-Person and Virtual)
  - Virtual
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How many students can you mentor?

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The Mentor Agreement Form is the only source of demographic information about mentors in the Ferguson RISE Fellowship Program. The CDC Annual Performance Report requests information on the demographic composition of Ferguson RISE mentors. Demographic data are reported in aggregate, without identifiers. Data on the Mentor Agreement may be reviewed by CDC and Kennedy Krieger program staff.

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Your Gender

- Female**
- Male
- Not listed above, Describe

- Prefer not to respond

Your Race (Check all that apply, Please provide details)

African American, Black

American Indian/Alaska Native (Tribal Affiliation, Nation)

Asian

Hispanic or Latino/a

Middle Eastern/North African (Describe)

Multi-racial (Describe)

Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander (Describe)

White

**Not listed above, Describe**

Prefer not to respond

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Please identify your role with the Ferguson RISE Fellow. I will be a:

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Primary area of mentor or preceptor's professional focus (select one):

- Administration**
- Clinical health practice
- Public health practice
- Policy
- Teaching/Training
- Research
- Not listed above, (please specify)

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Years of Public Health Experience:

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- > 15 years**

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Do you have prior experience as an undergraduate level mentor?

- Yes**
- No

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Do you have prior experience as a graduate level mentor?

- Yes**
  - No
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Have you participated in any formal workshops, training, or courses in research mentorship?

**Yes**

No

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Have you previously mentored a Ferguson RISE Fellow?

**Yes**

No

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Will you work with a co-mentor?

Yes

**No**

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Who is the administrative contact person for your branch or department?

Honorific (e.g., Ms, Mr. ,  
Dr., etc.)

Ms

First Name

Amazing

Last Name

Administrator

Degree (e.g., MD, MPH,  
PhD)

MPP

Office Phone Number  
(XXX-XXX-XXXX)

111-111-1111

Cell Phone Number  
(XXX-XXX-XXXX)

222-222-2222

Email

Amazing@gmail.com

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Who will work with your Ferguson RISE Fellow if you are away?

Honorific (e.g., Ms, Mr.,  
Dr. etc.

First Name

Last Name

Degree (e.g., MD, MPH,  
PhD, etc.)

Office Phone Number  
(XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Cell Phone Number  
(XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Email

Full Name of Research  
Assistant (if applicable,  
including honorific and  
degree)

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Project Title for Ferguson RISE Fellow

Elimination of Health Disparities  
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Project Type: (check all that apply)

- Advanced Molecular Detection**
- Bioinformatics**
- Clinical Prevention and Intervention**
- Community-Based Participatory Research
- Developmental Disabilities
- Emergency Preparedness
- Epidemiology
- Genomics/Genomic Epidemiology
- Health Care Bioinformatics
- Health Disparities
- Infectious Diseases
- Injury Prevention
- Laboratory Science
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- Public Health Communications
- Public Health Economics
- Public Health Education
- Public Health Informatics
- Public Health Policy
- Wastewater Surveillance
- Other, Describe

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Does your project include development, validation, or routine use of the following:

- Complex laboratory protocols
  - Bioinformatic workflows**
  - Integration of laboratory and epidemiologic data or data visualization
  - Epidemiologic data visualization
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Description of Proposed Ferguson RISE Project (limit 250 words)

This project will support fellows in the development of skills necessary to eliminate health disparities and promote their academic and professional achievement.

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Do you have an IRB protocol that the Fellow can "Agree to Participate" in prior to beginning the Ferguson Fellowship?

Yes

No

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Will data for your proposed project be available to share with your Ferguson RISE Fellow at least a week before the Ferguson Fellowship begins?

Yes

No

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Expected Training/Development Benefits for the Ferguson Fellow (check all that apply):

Research

Leadership/Policy

Clinical-Describe clinical area

Other, Describe

Other, Describe

Other, Describe

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Minimum Skills/Qualifications Required (for the above proposed project, please include lab techniques, software applications, equipment, etc.):

Willingness to learn and flexibility

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Are you willing to train Ferguson RISE Fellows if they do not have the minimum required skills needed?

- Yes**
- No

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Which biosafety level(s) will apply to the Ferguson RISE Fellow's work in your lab? Check all that apply

- BS-1
- BS-2
- BS-3
- BS-4**
- Not Applicable

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Is blood borne pathogen training required for your lab?

- No
- Yes**

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Will any specialized lab training, other than bloodborne pathogen training and/or basic Safety Survival Skills training be required in order for the Ferguson Fellow to work in your lab?

- No
- Yes, Describe**

Safety first

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How do you plan to engage students in CDC activities or activities within your institution (i.e., branch/division meetings, presentations within your institution)?

Identify and sponsor attendance to activities designed to support success.

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What resources and support are you willing and able to provide during the Ferguson RISE Fellowship related to public health training, professional development, and employment opportunities in public health? (250 words)

Opportunities

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Other comments:

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I agree to participate in the Ferguson Fellowship Program as a Ferguson RISE Fellow's mentor, preceptor, or coach as indicated above. I agree to provide a summer, 6-month, or 12- month public health research experience for student(s) according to the Project Proposal attached. I have read through and understand the expectations in the Mentor Information Packet. I will view the information on the [Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership Mentor Information Page](#). I understand that the goals of the Ferguson RISE Fellowship are to encourage students who are underrepresented in public health and biomedical research to learn about public health to inform their work in the healthcare and/or public health sector. I understand that Ferguson RISE Fellow's are expected to present their research at national meeting and publish their research in peer-reviewed journals (6-month and 12-month fellowships, summer [optional but strongly encouraged]).

Students are required to present the results of their summer experience to their mentors and peers at the end of the summer Ferguson RISE Fellowship Symposium. Students are expected to submit their work to a national scientific meeting and peer-reviewed journals.

For presentations and publications resulting from the Ferguson RISE Fellowship the following text needs to be added:

“This publication (journal article, poster, or presentation) was supported by the Grant or Cooperative Agreement Number, FAIN# NU50CD300866, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the Department of Health and Human Services.”

By agreeing to participate with Ferguson Fellowship, I will provide a research learning experience for the Ferguson RISE Fellow in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, or public health area. I agree to complete the Mid-Term and a Final Evaluations upon receipt. Information from the Mentor Agreement is used by the CDC and Ferguson RISE Fellowship to evaluate the program. **REQUIRED:** A typed signature serves as an electronic signature of agreement on this form.

**If you have questions please email [Ferguson\\_Fellowship@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:Ferguson_Fellowship@kennedykrieger.org)**

Typed Signature:

Dr. Ferguson Fellowship

Date (XX/XX/20XX)

10/09/2024

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