

# California Department of Public Health

## California Epidemiologic Investigation Service

### (Cal-EIS)

#### ***What is Cal-EIS?***

The California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) is a one or two-year training program founded in 1989 for health professionals who have at least a master's degree in a field related to public health. The mission of Cal-EIS is to prepare epidemiologists for public health leadership positions in California.

#### ***What opportunities are available for Cal- EIS Fellows?***

Beginning July 1, each Fellow is assigned to a Preceptor in a Program within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) or within a local health department. The specific opportunities will depend in part upon the Preceptor and Program. Assignments may be available in fields such as environmental health; infectious disease control; chronic disease control; maternal, child, and adolescent health; and others.

At the beginning of the year, each Preceptor and assigned Fellow jointly develop specific projects for the year. Fellows perform activities and achieve competencies over a broad range of public health epidemiology functions. Prior fellows have performed descriptive and/or analytic epidemiologic studies, evaluated programs to determine their effects on the incidence or severity of health problems, and investigated disease clusters. Former Cal-EIS Fellows have studied problems ranging from the relationship of air pollution and cardiovascular mortality to designing and conducting "Train the Trainer" sessions for pandemic flu prevention.

If applicable, Cal-EIS Preceptors assist the Fellow in preparing the results of his or her studies for local, state, and/or national publications.

#### ***Locations of Positions***

Most Fellows will be placed in CDPH offices in Sacramento or Richmond, while some Fellows may be placed in local health departments throughout California.

#### ***Who should apply?***

Applicants with an MPH or other advanced degree (e.g., MD, DDS, or DVM) in a health-related field and at least one course in epidemiology and one course in biostatistics may apply. Applicants without a degree in a health profession (e.g., MS, PhD) may also be eligible. The primary selection criteria are demonstrated interest in and ability to perform public health epidemiology in California.

#### ***Stipend***

Each Fellow will receive a stipend of approximately \$45,000 per year.

#### ***Application Deadline***

The application must be postmarked by November 2nd for the following training year, July to June. Supplemental documents (CV, statement of purpose, and official transcript(s)) must be postmarked by November 2nd. Signed letters of recommendation (3) should be emailed directly to the email address listed below.

#### ***To obtain an application, please contact:***

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