

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 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 identify and develop projects. Fellows perform activities and achieve competencies over a broad range of public health/epidemiology functions. Previous 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 publication.

Position Location

Most Fellows will be placed in CDPH offices in Sacramento or Richmond, while others 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 degree can be in progress at the time of application but must be completed before beginning the fellowship. 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 is available online and must be emailed or postmarked by November 1, 2019 for the July 2020 to June 2021 training year. Supplemental documents (CV, statement of purpose, and official transcript(s)) must be emailed or postmarked by November 1st. Signed letters of recommendation (3) should be emailed directly to the email address listed below.

Have questions? Please contact:

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