

ASPH Graduate Training Programs

Request for Applications

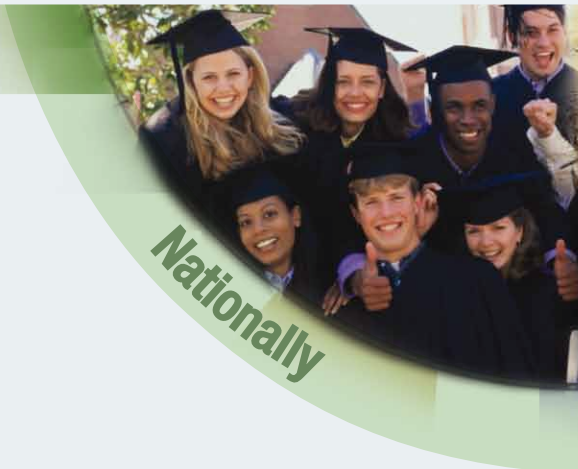
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ASPH/CDC

Environmental Health Scholarship Program

2010



A Collaborative Initiative Between



2010 ASPH/CDC Environmental Health Scholarship Program

**Association of Schools of Public Health
& the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
National Center for Environmental Health**

Scholarship Opportunities for Doctoral Dissertations on Healthy Community Design

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The Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), announces the availability of funds to support up to three (3) scholarships for students currently pursuing their doctorate degrees. The scholarship recipients will conduct doctoral-level studies related to the efforts of CDC/NCEH linking the built environment with public health and will receive guidance and input from CDC experts in this field.

Community Design Scholarships

Up to three (3) scholarships will be awarded for students to conduct doctoral-level studies that include assessment and secondary research to examine the relationship between community design and public health. Types of eligible research projects include, but are not limited to:

- assessing changes in public health indicators over time related to a specific change in community design, such as the construction of a new transportation system component;
- conducting a health impact assessment (HIA) and evaluating the impacts of the HIA on subsequent decisions;
- evaluating impacts on health of existing and/or proposed development codes (zoning, subdivision, etc) or other municipal policies/ordinances;
- evaluating impacts on health of existing and/or proposed ordinances governing sidewalks or bicycle infrastructure including construction and maintenance;
- evaluating impacts on health of school site/setting, school enrollment size, and student transportation policies;
- evaluating impacts on health of quantity and quality of access to greenspace;
- evaluating impacts on health of policies on urban agriculture;
- evaluating impacts on health of certification programs such as Bicycle-Friendly Communities or LEED-ND;
- measuring Return on Investment (ROI) for infrastructure and other community design decisions that promote health;
- documenting value of multi-modal level-of-service measures for encouraging physical activity;

- other research that documents links between community design and health and can be used to develop model practices.

Other relevant topics are described in: Dannenberg AL, Jackson RJ, Frumkin H, et al. The impact of community design and land-use choices on public health: a scientific research agenda. *Amer J Public Health*. 2003 Sept; 93(9):1500-1508.

1. Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

ALL Applicants	Currently enrolled in a doctoral-level program AND U.S. citizen or visa holder permitted permanent residence in the US.	
Doctoral Program Type:	Eligible institutions:	Helpful links:
Dr PH, ScD or PhD in Public Health	CEPH-accredited, ASPH-member schools	ASPH-member schools: http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=200).
Other Doctoral candidates* (e.g. urban planning, civil engineering, environmental sciences, etc.)	Accredited planning programs, civil engineering programs, environmental sciences programs, etc*	Accredited Planning Programs: http://www.planningaccreditationboard.org/index.php?id=30).

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Applicants who are seeking their doctoral-level degrees from accredited doctoral programs, other than ASPH-member schools, must have a public health faculty member from an ASPH-member school on their doctoral thesis committee. Proof of an ASPH faculty member on the doctoral thesis committee must come in the form of a letter signed by the ASPH faculty member. This letter must be submitted along with hardcopy documents for the application. (See Section 8 regarding submission of hardcopy materials.) Applicants who do not have a public health faculty member from an ASPH-member school on their doctoral thesis committee will not be considered.

2. Scholarship Period

Scholarships will be awarded during the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

3. Funds Available

Scholarship recipients will receive a total of \$25,000 each. The scholarship awards will be paid in installments over the course of the scholarship period. The first installment will be paid in September 2010, subsequent payments will be paid upon the submission of progress reports.

4. Scholarship Opportunities Available

Up to three (3) scholarships will be funded in the 2010 – 2011 academic year:

5. Application Proposal

All applicants to the ASPH/CDC Environmental Health Scholarship Program are required to submit a project proposal with the application. This proposal must describe the applicant's proposed goals and objectives and how these goals and objectives fall into line with the goals of CDC/NCEH as they pertain to healthy community design. Be sure to include project background, importance of topic, methods, feasibility, analyses, discussion, and a timeline (what progress can we expect during the 12 month award, and how much more work will be needed to complete the research after the 12 months). In addition, you must add a short personal statement (1-2 paragraphs) about career path and interests. This may also include any additional information or special considerations that you think are important for the review committee to know.

Helpful link: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/>

NOTE: *The Proposal should be succinct and no more than six (6) pages in length.*

6. Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess the applicant's qualifications:

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Project Proposal	60
CV/Transcript	25
Letters of Recommendation	15

7. Review Committee & Selection

In August 2010, CDC/NCEH will complete a review of the applications based on the criteria described above. Applicants may be contacted by the review committee for additional information and/or clarification of information relevant to the application. Selected applicants will be notified by email and phone by no later than September 10, 2010. All other applicants will be notified by email.

8. Application Instructions

The [ASPH Fellowship Online Application System](#) is a centralized application service offering a secure, easy and convenient way to apply to ASPH graduate training programs. The online application is also accessible through the ASPH website at www.asph.org.

<http://fellowships.asph.org/apply/index.cfm>

To begin your online application, please click "Register Now" on the right side of the application page to create a password protected account.

Online Application

You will need to complete the online application in order for your application to be considered. Upon submission of the online application, you will have the option to "Withdraw" your application, in order to make changes, until the online application due date. Applications are reviewed only after the online application deadline has passed. Please note, if you choose to withdraw your application to make changes after having submitted it once, you must resubmit your application for it to be considered. To complete the online application, you will need the following:

- Resume/CV (formatted in Word, PDF or Text File)
- Name, email and phone number of two references
- Proposal (6 pages max formatted in Word 2003 or PDF; Proposals should be typed with 11-point or larger font.)

See Section 5 for details.

Online applications must be submitted no later than

**Tuesday, August 3, 2010
11:59 PM (Eastern)**

Hardcopy Documents

In addition to the online application, applicants need to collect **ONE** set of each of the following hardcopy documents and mail them to ASPH Graduate Training Programs in **ONE** packet:

- Signature Page

Available upon submitting the online application. You will need to print, and sign. Please do not fold or staple pages.

- Graduate Transcripts

Unofficial Transcripts may be submitted along with other hardcopy materials, pending the submission of official transcripts, in a sealed envelope issued by your school, by no later than August 31st, 2010.

- Two Letters of Recommendation (from the references provided in the online application)

Must be on a letter head with contact information and original signature. Does not need to be in a sealed envelope. Please request for your recommenders to not fold or staple recommendation letters.

- Proof of ASPH faculty member on doctoral thesis committee

Only for applicants who are seeking their doctoral-level degrees from accredited doctoral programs, other than [ASPH-member schools](#). Proof will need to be a signed letter by ASPH faculty member.

- A copy of your Green card, if you are not a US Citizen.

All **hardcopy documents** must arrive to the ASPH office by:

**Wednesday, August 4, 2010
5:00 P.M. (Eastern)**

Your application will be considered incomplete, and therefore will not be reviewed, if all hard copy documents have not been received by ASPH by this deadline. Documents received after this deadline will render your application as ineligible and will not be considered for the program.

All hardcopy documents must be sent in one package, via traceable delivery service, to:

ASPH Office of Graduate Training Programs
ATTN: ASPH/CDC Environmental Health Scholarship Program
1900 M Street, NW, Suite 710
Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-296-1099
Email Contact: TrainingPrograms@asph.org