

HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (HSPH) is the direct descendent of the first professional public health training program in America. In contrast to medicine, which focuses on specific individuals and their treatment, the strategy of public health is to prevent disease in broad populations, an approach that is far reaching, efficient, and equitable.

The school has a celebrated history and a global mission. Working in over forty countries worldwide, members of the HSPH faculty perform path-breaking research in such areas as HIV/AIDS, environmental hazards, reform of health systems, nutrition, genetic markers, health disparities, and the global burden of disease.

Located in the heart of the Harvard University Longwood campus, HSPH adjoins Harvard Medical School and School of Dental Medicine, the Countway Library, and Harvard-affiliated hospitals such as Brigham and Women's, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Children's Hospital Boston.



Eligibility

The Yerby Postdoctoral Fellowship Program seeks to increase the diversity of academic public health by providing postdoctoral fellowship support to groups historically underrepresented in health-related sciences (defined by the National Institutes of Health as American Indians or Alaska Natives, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders) and to others whose background will contribute to academic diversity, including individuals from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Application Information

To qualify for consideration, applicants must submit a completed application that includes the following:

- Statement of professional objectives in academic public health, including a description of how these objectives would be advanced by research opportunities at HSPH
- Brief description of how the candidate's ethnicity or background advances the program's goal of increasing the diversity of academic public health
- Proposal for research to be undertaken during the fellowship
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official doctoral transcripts
- Sample publication

In addition, applicants are welcome to suggest the names of faculty members with whom they might wish to be affiliated.

The application deadline is November 1 of each year. If November 1 falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the next work day.

Please see the Yerby Postdoctoral Fellowship website (www.hsph.harvard.edu/yerby/) for application forms and further details about the application process.



YERBY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



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YERBY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

THE YERBY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM draws on the rich research environment and intellectual resources of one of the world's premier public health training institutions. Named for Dr. Alonzo Smythe Yerby, an African-American pioneer in public health, this initiative is geared toward expanding the diversity of those pursuing university-based research careers in public health. The program creates a bridge between academic training in health-related disciplines and entry-level faculty positions at institutions throughout the United States.

The goal of the program is to advance the intellectual and professional development of each Yerby fellow. Under the guidance of a senior HSPH faculty member with compatible interests, fellows develop their research agendas, gain experience in publishing papers in peer-reviewed journals and obtaining grant support, participate in a variety of professional development workshops, and increase their teaching expertise.

Yerby fellows receive a competitive salary with benefits for one year, renewable for a second year. Up to five new fellowships are awarded annually. The salary for academic year 2011–12 has been set at \$62,000 and may be adjusted for future years.



Areas of Training

Fellowship training is available throughout the broad range of the school's activities—laboratory sciences, quantitative sciences, and social and policy sciences. Fellows have a home within one of the school's nine academic departments:

- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Genetics and Complex Diseases
- Global Health and Population
- Health Policy and Management
- Immunology and Infectious Diseases
- Nutrition
- Society, Human Development, and Health



A complete listing of faculty research interests can be found at <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/faculty/>.

