

The 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. Cal-EIS is administered in parallel with a preventive medicine residency program for physicians.

What opportunities are available for Cal-EIS Fellows?

Beginning July 1, each trainee (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 adolescent health, etc.

At the beginning of the year, each Preceptor and assigned Fellow jointly develops specific projects for the year. Fellows perform activities and achieve competencies over a broad range of public health epidemiology functions. Prior fellows have performed studies on descriptive and/or analytic epidemiology of diseases, 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 based in CDPH offices in Sacramento or Richmond. 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 bio-statistics 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.

Availability of Stipends

Each Fellow will receive a stipend of approximately \$40,000 per annum.

Application Deadline

Application must be postmarked December 5th, for the following training year from July to June. All supplementary materials (transcripts and three letters of recommendation) must be postmarked by December 5th.

To obtain an Application, please contact:

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