

**Research Participation Program**  
**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**  
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**Office of Global Health Affairs**  
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A project is available in the International Influenza Unit (IIU) of the Office of Global Health Affairs within the Office of the Secretary, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in Washington, D.C.

The IIU provides strategic coordination of all international elements of HHS activities related to avian influenza and pandemic influenza planning. The IIU serves as the HHS principal point of contact for the inter-agency process for avian and pandemic influenza activities outside the United States; coordinates budget and performance management of HHS international influenza programs; and assesses progress of HHS investments against defined milestones

**Responsibilities:**

The research participant will gain experience in the area of avian and pandemic influenza preparedness - a priority international health issue. The selected individual will have interaction opportunities with other federal departments and agencies as well as international organizations involved in international avian and pandemic influenza preparedness.

Possible projects may include:

- Assist with collection, analysis and synthesis of diverse types of quantitative and qualitative data and information and application of the findings to the development of international guidelines and policy
- Assist with tracking activities related to pandemic-influenza preparedness that multilateral organizations such as the World Health Organization and its Regional Offices are undertaking, and assist IIU and Office of Global Health Affairs staff in the development of briefing and other materials for use in multilateral fora.
- Participate in critical analysis and thinking, advice and recommendations on issues relating to international influenza based on accepted scientific understanding of international infectious disease.
- Assist with developing and implementing methods and systems for acquiring, compiling, synthesizing, extracting and reporting information and for improving the coordination of information flow.
- Assist with formulating research, planning, and program information for use in developing international health policy and supporting international health diplomacy strategies.
- Assist with different types of evaluation (for example, formative, process, outcome, impact, and cost-benefit evaluation)

- Assist with training on basic knowledge of infectious disease surveillance, epidemiological investigation, behavioral intervention and operational research, and basic knowledge of applied methods for conducting public health prevention programs, interventions, and services.

**Requirements:**

Candidates should have a master's degree in public health or a related field. Experience in international health or international relations is preferred.

The appointment is for up to one year and may be renewed upon recommendation of HHS and subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive an annual stipend depending on background and experience. The participant must show proof of health and medical insurance. The appointment is full time at HHS in Washington, D.C. Participants do not become employees of HHS or the program administrator and there are no fringe benefits paid.

The Research Participation Program for HHS is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. To be considered, send a current resume and a copy of your transcript to Debbie Alcorn e-mail at [Debbie.Alcorn@ornl.gov](mailto:Debbie.Alcorn@ornl.gov) or via fax at (865) 241-5219. Please reference Project # CDC HHS 2008-0001. For additional program information refer to [www.ornl.gov/cdc](http://www.ornl.gov/cdc)