

# THE CDC EXPERIENCE

*A Fellowship for Medical Students in Applied Epidemiology*



This new fellowship will provide medical students with an applied hands-on training experience in epidemiology and public health. Eight competitively selected 3rd and 4th year medical students from around the country will spend up to one full year at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. While at CDC they will participate in an orientation to CDC, applied epidemiology, the national public health system, and the role of physicians in the public health system. With the guidance of experienced CDC epidemiologists, they will perform epidemiologic analyses and research, design public health interventions, and assist in field investigations. This fellowship will complement and build on the success of CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in applied epidemiology and public

health, as well as the shorter, relatively unstructured 6-8 week CDC epidemiology elective currently open to medical and veterinary students. Possible areas of concentration include birth defects, injury, chronic disease, infectious disease, public health policy, and environmental health.

## **Career Benefits**

Graduates of the fellowship program will have a greater understanding of and appreciation for evidence-based medicine. They will be better equipped to gather, present, and interpret data relevant both to the care of individual patients and populations of patients, which will result in better interpretation, treatment and prevention of disease. Graduates from this fellowship program will be better prepared to pursue careers in clinical medicine, clinical epidemiology, health services research, the Epidemic Intelligence Service and public health.

## **Fellowship Details**

- 10 - 12 month fellowship in applied epidemiology and public health for medical students in their third or fourth year
- First class to begin Fall 2004
- Stipend provided for living expenses

## **Fellowship Components**

- Orientation to CDC and didactic training
- Semi-monthly seminars and/or journal clubs
- Hands-on training and work experience at CDC
- Participation in field investigations
- Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) annual conference attendance
- Presentation of a culminating project

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