

**Division of Intramural Population Health Research  
Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch  
Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The [Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch](#) (SBSB) is an intramural research program within the Division of Intramural Population Health Research at the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The branch's mission is to conduct research to understand the social and behavioral determinants of health and health-related behaviors; develop and test educational, behavioral, and environmental strategies for improving health and health-related behaviors; conduct research on the problem of disparities in health, the developmental mechanisms underlying health disparities over the life course, and modifiable intervention targets to reduce disparities; and position highly qualified students and trainees for professional careers in the social and behavioral sciences. SBSB is particularly interested in the dynamic interplay between social, behavioral, and biological determinants of health during developmentally sensitive periods.

SBSB is recruiting multiple postdoctoral fellows interested in the etiology of child and adolescent health and health-related behaviors including substance use, diet, weight, sleep, smoking, and physical activity; influence of neurobehavioral, social, and environmental factors on eating behaviors and diet-related health outcomes during pregnancy and early childhood; and developmental risk factors for mental health problems and their outcomes including suicide. Postdoctoral fellows are expected to develop their own initiatives within the scope of ongoing research in the branch.

Candidates legally approved to work in the USA with an earned doctoral degree in the social and behavioral sciences or closely related field (e.g., psychology; epidemiology; health education; nutrition; or quantitative methods) are invited to apply. Preference will be given to candidates with superior analytic, written, and oral communication skills and with demonstrated research interests in areas currently under investigation in the branch.

Applicants should send: 1) a *curriculum vitae*; 2) a statement of research interests to be pursued during training; 3) three letters of reference; and 4) official transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework to Dr. Risë Goldstein (Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch, DIPHR/NICHD/NIH; 6710B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7004; Bethesda, MD 20892; phone 301-594-9151; email [goldster@mail.nih.gov](mailto:goldster@mail.nih.gov)). Applicants must have completed their doctoral training prior to the start of the fellowship and have no more than 5 years of relevant research experience since receipt of their most recent doctoral degree.

Further information about the Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch and Division of Intramural Population Health Research may be found at:

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/diphr/officebranch/sbsb>

Further information about the NIH training and education program and professional development opportunities may be found at <https://www.training.nih.gov/home>

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