

The goal of the Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program is to attract and prepare public health epidemiologists for careers with state and local health departments. The two-year program recruits and trains qualified candidates to support public health initiatives and provide opportunities for new epidemiologists to expand their skills to a level where they function as competent epidemiologists with little or no supervision. Upon

completion of the Fellowship, graduates will be prepared to conduct day-to-day epidemiological activities and research on issues that affect public health. Mentors play a crucial role in the success of the Fellowship program; their expertise and skills provide the backbone to the Fellows' success as they're trained to become future leaders in applied public health epidemiology.

Mentorship Responsibilities

In order to ensure the integrity and success of the program, mentors are required to fulfill specific responsibilities. Although Fellows may possess sophisticated skills, they require guidance and direction from their mentors. The mentors are required to:

- Oversee the Fellow's work activities.
- Create an environment that fosters professional development.

- Offer advice and assistance.
- Integrate the Fellow into the host site environment.
- Help the Fellow broaden his/her network of professional colleagues.
- Support and encourage the Fellow in his/her technical and professional development.
- Provide financial support for meeting attendance, professional development, and work-related materials (e.g., computer, statistical software, phone, office supplies, etc.).
- Provide the Fellow with the same administrative support and provisions that host site employees receive.
- Express a caring and interested attitude in the Fellow's present activities, future goals, and interpersonal relationships with agency staff.
- Commit to spending four hours per week with the Fellow during the first month and then two hours per week with the Fellow thereafter.
- Attend the CSTE Annual Conference at least one of the two years of the fellowship.
- Assist the Fellow in securing long-term job placement after the Fellowship.

Host Site Application

Each health agency must identify a particular program area in which the fellow will be placed:

- Behavioral Health
- Chronic Disease
- Environmental Health
- General Infectious Disease
- Infectious Disease – Food Safety
- Infectious Disease – HAI
- Infectious Disease – Quarantine
- Injury
- Maternal and Child health
- Occupational Health
- Substance Abuse

Health agencies must submit an application to CSTE that describes the proposed program area as well as the ability of the agency to fulfill the mentorship requirements. **All applications must include a letter of support from the agency's State Epidemiologist.**

Mentor Requirements

- Host site applications must include two designated mentors: a doctoral-level primary mentor and a secondary mentor. It is preferred that the secondary mentor have doctoral-level training as well. If there is not a doctoral-level epidemiologist at the health department available to mentor in the subject area of the host site application, an exception can be requested to propose a masters-level mentor. Please email aef@cste.org for more information regarding approval of masters-level primary mentor applications
- Both mentors must have formal epidemiology training.
- One or both of the mentors must devote four hours per week to spend with the Fellow during the first month of the Fellowship and two hours per week for the duration of the Fellowship.
- The primary mentor is required to attend the CSTE Annual Conference at least one of the two years of the Fellowship.
- Successful host agencies have experienced mentors, provide the Fellow with day-to-day activities that offer “hands-on” epidemiology experience, and are able to help the Fellow achieve all of the program’s goals.

Host Agency Selection

Complete applications will be reviewed by the CSTE National Office and are evaluated on the following criteria:

- The scope, quality, and diversity of experience offered to the Fellow
- Experience of supervisors in management, epidemiology, and mentoring
- Potential long-term career placement for the Fellow
- Potential professional development opportunities and financial support provided for the Fellow
- Availability of office space, computer equipment, and office/technical support
- Letters of support for the agency seeking a Fellow

2018-2019 Application Timeline

- September 6, 2018 – Host site application opens.

- October 19, 2018 – Host site application closes.
- October 29, 2018 – Fellow application opens.
- January 11, 2019– Fellow application closes.
- April 2019– Fellow matching process. Select finalists are invited to participate in a matching process that includes interviewing with potential host agencies.
- June 3-August 12, 2019– Fellow placement. New Fellows begin their placements during the summer of 2019.

[Click here](#) to preview a PDF of the application. To begin the online application please click [here](#). The application deadline is October 19, 2018.

If you have additional questions about becoming a host site, please contact CSTE Fellowship Coordinator at aef@cste.org or 770-458-3811.

