

## **Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship Application Packet**

*Supported by the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center*

**Applications Due by 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2020**

The purpose of this fellowship is to mentor the next generation of injury and violence prevention researchers and practitioners. IVP Fellows will receive an annual stipend of \$3,000 as well as tailored mentoring and career development opportunities.

### **Fellowship Objectives**

*The objectives of the IVP Fellowship are to:*

- recruit students from diverse academic, professional, and demographic backgrounds to become independent IVP researchers and practitioners;
- provide opportunities for interdisciplinary training and hands-on experience in IVP;
- expose students to a broad range of methodological approaches for injury and violence-related research, programs, and policy design;
- provide experience in translating research to practice for policymakers, health care providers, community organizations, and other partners in IVP; and
- train students in social responsibility, ethical practice, and the ethical conduct of research with human subjects involving participants who have experienced various types of trauma and violence.

### **Eligibility**

The IVP Fellowship positions are available to graduate students enrolled in masters and doctoral programs at UNC Chapel Hill. Students from psychology, public health, social work, nursing, sociology, anthropology, criminology, women's studies, medicine, law, and other fields who wish to focus their careers on IVP research or practice are eligible and encouraged to apply. For master's students, the IVP Fellowship will provide IVP-related opportunities in research, practice, and/or policy. For doctoral students, the IVP Fellowship will focus on advancing research skills, publishing, presenting work at conferences, and grant writing.

### **Mentorship**

Each IVP Fellow will have a mentoring team comprised of a primary and secondary mentor. The primary mentor should be a UNC Injury and Violence Prevention Research Center (IPRC)-affiliated faculty member engaged in an active line of research, program implementation or policy work related to the fellow's injury- or violence-related focus. If accepted as an IVP Fellow, the IPRC will work with Fellows to identify a primary mentor. The secondary mentor should also be a researcher or IVP practitioner engaged in active IVP work (e.g., staff in IVP at a state or local health department, domestic violence service agency, harm reduction coalition). Fellows will be responsible for identifying their secondary mentor. Fellows will also have access to mentorship from people outside their mentoring teams via IPRC-associated resources, such as meetings with invited speakers, guest researchers, etc. Lastly, the cohort of fellows will serve as peer mentors among themselves, providing feedback and peer mentorship to each other throughout the year.

### **Individual Development Plans**

As part of the mentorship process, each IVP Fellow will complete an Individual Development Plan (IDP) during their first semester of the fellowship. The IDP includes a statement of long-term goals, as well as short-term goals that are feasible for the fellowship period, and associated training activities and deliverables (e.g., manuscripts, conference presentations). IVP Fellows will work with their mentors to identify opportunities to get hands-on experience conducting IVP research, programming, or policy. For those interested in research, fellows may create a research or grant-writing plan, which could align with a thesis, dissertation, or other academic requirements. For those interested in programming or policy, IVP Fellows could work with mentors to organize a practicum, which may align with their academic program's requirements, internships, or other opportunities.

IVP Fellows will develop their IDPs in collaboration with their mentoring team, and update the IDP each semester based on feedback, resources, and opportunities identified during the fellowship period.

### **Fellowship Funding**

The fellowship will provide \$3,000 a year to support practice or research activities, travel, conference and meeting attendance, and other professional development or training opportunities. Limited, additional funding may be available for specific activities or opportunities on an ad hoc basis.

### **Fellowship Selection Criteria and Application Process**

Applications will be reviewed and scored by external reviewers, and IPRC leadership will make the final selection of IVP Fellows. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decisions by the end of April 2020. Priority will be given to applicants active in IPRC and/or CDC priority areas (Appendix 1). The IVP Fellowships will begin in the fall semester of AY 2020-2021.

### **Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:**

- Evidence of interest in and long-term commitment to the field of IVP;
- Prior and/or current engagement in research and/or practice activities relevant to IVP; and
- Potential for conducting research, and/or research translation into practice, that advances the field of IVP.

**To apply, please submit the following materials via email by 11:59 p.m., April 8, 2020 using the subject header "2020 Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship Application":**

- Applicant Information Form;
- Application statement, not to exceed 2 pages, that highlights the applicant's potential for advancing research and/or practice in injury and violence prevention; and
- Applicant's current C.V.

### **Applications should be emailed to:**

Varsha Subramanyam  
Communications and Training Specialist, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center  
[varshas@live.unc.edu](mailto:varshas@live.unc.edu)

## **UNC IPRC Injury and Violence Prevention Fellowship Applicant Information Form**

**Name and Title:**

**Department:**

**Enrolled Degree Program:**

**Anticipated Year of Graduation:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

Please provide an applicant statement (not to exceed 2 pages) that describes your:

- interest in and long-term commitment to the field of injury and violence prevention;
- support of campus research activities in the field of injury and violence prevention;
- prior and/or current engagement in research and/or practice activities relevant to injury and violence prevention; and
- potential for conducting research, and/or research translation into practice, that advances the field of injury and violence prevention.

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## Appendix: UNC IPRC and CDC Priority Areas

### UNC IPRC's Research Priorities

1. **Violence Prevention**, including **child abuse and neglect** (child maltreatment), **intimate partner violence**, bullying, school-based violence, sexual violence, **suicide** and self-harm, teen dating violence, violence involving firearms and other means of lethal force, domestic and global terrorism, and self-radicalization.
2. **Opioid Disorder and Overdose**, including community-based and clinical strategies for preventing opioid overdose, strategies for optimizing overdose response, optimizing access to, and the effect of, substance abuse treatment, strategies to limit access to opioids, strategies to improve the health of drug users (injecting and non-injecting), and managed care strategies such as lock-in programs and counseling.
3. **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**, including concussion and mild TBI, severe TBI, concussion in youth sports, behavioral and cultural determinants of concussion disclosure and care-seeking, changing the culture around concussion identification and disclosure, long-term outcomes, diagnosis and management.
4. **Road Traffic Injuries**, including novel and interdisciplinary approaches to child passenger safety, seat belt use, impaired driving, phone use and other distracted driving, pedestrian safety, teen drivers, and older adult drivers.

Learn more about CDC's injury research priority topics by clicking [here](#).