



GRP EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH PROGRAM
HUMAN HEALTH AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TRACK
Diversity Advancing Science. Talent Benefiting the Gulf.

Application Open: **December 2, 2020** Application Deadline: **January 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM ET**

The NASEM Gulf Research Program is accepting applications for the 2021 GRP Early-Career Research Fellowship Track 1: Human Health and Community Resilience.

The Gulf Research Program's Early-Career Research Fellowship supports emerging scientific leaders as they take risks on research ideas not yet tested, pursue unique collaborations, and build a network of colleagues who share their interest in improving offshore energy system safety and the well-being of coastal communities and ecosystems.

Because the early years of a researcher's career are a critical time, the relatively unrestricted funds and mentoring this fellowship provides help recipients navigate this period with independence, flexibility, and a built-in support network.

NASEM Gulf Research Program is opening the 2021 Early-Career Research Fellowship Application Cycle with significant changes to the fellowship program structure by introducing a three-topic track system with application periods spread out over the better part of one year.

The three tracks will be: Human Health and Community Resilience, Environmental Protection and Stewardship, and Offshore Energy Safety. These tracks align with Gulf Research Program's areas of interest. It is anticipated that Track 2 will open in early spring of 2021, and Track 3 will open in mid-spring or early summer of 2021.

About Human Health and Community Resilience Track:

The Early Career Research Fellowship's Human Health and Community Resilience track aligns with one of Gulf Research Program's five program areas, and narrows the focus of the fellowship to support the most relevant research to the goals and objectives of the Board on Gulf Health and Resilience.

For the 2021-2023 Application Cycle, the Human Health and Community Resilience track goal focuses on contributing to the advancement of health equity in the Gulf of Mexico region or Alaska by considering the social determinants of health.

Fellowship Benefits:

An award of \$76,000 is paid to each fellow's institution in the form of a two-year grant. Funds cannot be used on institutional overhead or indirect charges.

Research funding

\$75,000 is available for the fellow to use for research-related expenses, including equipment purchases, professional travel, professional development courses, trainee support, salary, or any other costs directly related to the fellow's research.

Mentor honorarium

The remaining \$1,000 of the award serves as an honorarium for a mentor. Applicants must identify a senior-level researcher at their affiliated institution willing to serve as a career mentor.

Additional funding

Fellows may be required to attend other events/conferences during their fellowship term, which may include a fellows and/or alumni networking event. Travel expenses for these events will be covered by the Gulf Research Program; they are in addition to the \$76,000 fellowship award.

Term: 24 months, September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022

Eligibility:

- Hold a permanent, fully independent position as an investigator, faculty member, clinician scientist, or scientific team lead in industry, academia, or a research organization. A postdoc is not considered a fully independent position.
- Be an early-career scientist who has received their eligible degree within the past 10 years (on or after September 1, 2011).
- Hold a doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, ScD, EngD, MD, DrPH) in the social and behavioral sciences, health sciences and medicine, engineering and physical sciences, earth and life sciences, or interdisciplinary scientific fields relevant to the charge of the Gulf Research Program.
- Be affiliated with a non-federal U.S. institution that has a valid tax ID number.
- Not be currently employed by the U.S. federal government.

Anyone interested in applying to the 2021 Early-Career Research Fellowship, can [start here](#). Applications for the 2021 ECRF Track 1: Human Health and Community Resilience Track will be accepted through January 13, 2021.

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