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Health Literacy Graduate Assistantship 2024-2027

Are you interested in how people find, understand, and use health information and services and use information for health decisions? Do you plan to make these issues central to your scholarly and teaching career?

The Horowitz Center for Health Literacy is accepting letters of interest from doctoral program applicants to one of the following programs: public health, communication, journalism, and information studies. **Interested applicants must apply to their intended degree program first and then contact the Horowitz Center.**

The successful applicant will be accepted as a full-time student without conditions to one of the programs for the 2024 fall semester. The assistantship will be with the Center under the Director's supervision while the student completes their doctoral studies in their home program. The student's academic advisor and program must agree to this arrangement and be willing to communicate with the Center Director.

This is a fully funded full-time assistantship for three years to work on Center initiatives and contribute to original research. Funding will cover until comprehensive exams or the 6th semester of full-time enrollment, whichever comes first. Additional funding may be available for dissertation research.

Applicants with prior degrees in communication and adjacent fields, such as journalism and information studies as well as prior research experience with communication topics, are strongly preferred. Applicants with public health degrees and significant communication coursework or work experience are also eligible.

After submitting an application of admission to a degree program and for best consideration, please email a three-page letter of interest that explains your qualifications for this assistantship and your interest in pursuing a research and teaching career in health literacy. In addition, email one letter of recommendation from a prior professor, academic advisor, or work supervisor in the last three years who can evaluate your capacity for or experience with health literacy research. The recommender can email separately or let the applicant email the letter. All files must be pdfs. Email letters to Dr. Cynthia Baur, cbaur@umd.edu with the subject line 2024 GAship letter.

Please note, the Center intends to provide the assistantship offer with a program's offer of admission, but the Director may delay an offer or not award the assistantship.