

CONTACT INVESTIGATION MINI-FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW and APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center (HNTC) is offering Contact Investigation (CI) mini-fellowships targeted to health care workers who would benefit from participation in an intensive learning experience in conducting contact investigations. The CI mini-fellowship program provides an innovative curriculum with a comprehensive 3 or 4 day course for health care workers responsible for conducting contact investigations. The program provides an in-depth training experience covering knowledge and skills essential for the health care worker with the primary responsibility of conducting contact investigations. The content of the program can include:

1. Opportunities for one-on-one learning experience with a TB Contact Investigation Expert in the evaluation and management of contact investigations.
2. Experience with TB patients in an outpatient and/or inpatient setting.
3. Experience with contacts to a TB case in an outpatient setting.
4. Experience with patient interviewing including observing and participating in interviews.
5. Experience in interviewing TB cases and their contacts.

All CI mini-fellowships will be conducted at the Heartland National TB Center, on the campus of the Texas Center for Infectious Disease, a 72-bed facility for the inpatient treatment of TB patients, located in San Antonio, Texas. The fellowships will also include the opportunity to visit the San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department – City Chest Clinic.

If you are interested in participating in this unique opportunity, **please follow these instructions:**

1. Complete the application form, ensuring that you have described your experience in contact investigations, the specific goals and objectives you hope to achieve during this fellowship, and several possible dates when you are available to attend.
2. **Return the completed application form to HNTC via fax number (210) 531-4590.**

If selected/approved for attendance, HNTC will contact you to discuss your specific learning needs and curriculum, determine the duration of the fellowship and dates of attendance.

Candidates will be expected to cover their own expenses. If you have any questions, please contact HNTC at 1-800-TEX-LUNG.



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APPLICATION FORM**

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Credentials: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone(s): _____ Ext: _____

Fax: _____

The best method to contact me is:

- EMail Fax Telephone Mail

Please describe your experience in conducting contact investigations:

What specific goals and objectives do you hope to achieve during this training?

How will you use the information you gain?

What dates/weeks are you available to attend?

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Length of training (minimum of 2 days – maximum of 4 days): _____

Please check the modules of interest to you. Your selections will be used in developing the curriculum for your mini-fellowship:

- Overview of TB
- Treatment of TB
- Infection Control
- CDC CI Guidelines
- Treatment of LTBI
- Prioritizing contacts
- Interviewing skills
- Congregate settings
- Patient Education
- TST/IGRA screening
- Expanding an Investigation
- Cultural Competency
- Adherence to treatment

Please list any additional needs or interests (please be as specific as possible):

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____