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## **ASA and NCHS Research Fellowship Program Accepting Applications**

*Program bridges the gap between academic scholars  
and government health research*

**ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 5, 2007** – Applications are now being accepted for a research fellowship program sponsored by the American Statistical Association (ASA) in cooperation with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Fellows will conduct their research at NCHS in Hyattsville, Maryland, and will work to solve methodological problems and study analytic issues relevant to NCHS. The application deadline is May 15, and individuals selected will be notified by August 1, 2007.

Applicants should have a recognized research record and considerable expertise in their area of proposed research, programs, data, and facilities. They must submit a detailed research proposal for competitive evaluation, including:

- Short, descriptive project title
- Abstract summarizing the project
- Proposed project term

Also required are a statement of relevant work accomplished by the applicant, a proposed research plan with evaluation of expected results, and a statement citing the significance of the expected results to NCHS programs. The fellowship term is approximately 12 to 24 months. Complete information on the application requirements is available in the program brochure, which can be downloaded at the following link:

[http://www.amstat.org/research\\_grants/ASANCHSBrochure.pdf](http://www.amstat.org/research_grants/ASANCHSBrochure.pdf)

The Program Review Board, consisting of representatives from ASA, NCHS, and academia, will review the applications and choose the Fellows for the program.

### **About the National Center for Health Statistics**

The National Center for Health Statistics provides statistical information that will guide actions and policies to improve the health of the American people. As the Nation's principal health statistics agency, NCHS designs, develops, and maintains more than a dozen data systems that cover the full spectrum of health concerns. These data systems provide essential information to policymakers, to medical researchers, and to others in the health community.

### **About the American Statistical Association**

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest professional society in the United States. For more than 160 years, ASA has been providing its 18,000 members serving in academia, government, and industry and the public with up-to-date, useful information about statistics. The ASA has a proud tradition of service to statisticians, quantitative scientists, and users of statistics across a wealth of academic areas and applications. For additional information about the American

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