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## Center for Reproductive Health Research in the SouthEast (RISE) Doctoral Traineeship Announcement

RISE offers a program designed to provide dissertation research and training support for students enrolled in doctoral studies at Emory University. RISE has a long-term goal to establish robust graduate training opportunities to prepare the next generation of interdisciplinary scientists in family planning and reproductive health (RH) research.

### RISE

In order to build an evidence base and implement solutions for the adverse reproductive health outcomes, disparities, and sociopolitical determinants impacting women and their families in the Southeast (SE), RISE aims to address several major goals through three interrelated Cores: 1) Research – to advance the science on understanding and intervening upon the multi-level determinants of reproductive health and family planning in the SE, including increasing access to quality reproductive healthcare for women; improving evidence-based, equitable models of family planning service delivery for health systems; promoting positive, supportive family planning sociocultural norms among communities; and informing reproductive health and family planning policies that are aligned with a reproductive justice framework; 2) **Education & Training – to prepare future generations of interdisciplinary reproductive health and family planning scientists who are likely to stay and build research capacity in the SE;** and 3) Translation – to facilitate translation of evidence in order to inform public dialogue, catalyze engagement, and facilitate policy action and social change so that women in the SE and beyond may achieve their reproductive desires, goals and overall health and wellbeing.

### Details

This traineeship will provide: (1) a doctoral stipend for one year, with the option of a second year in the RISE renewal funding cycle (post-comprehensive exams; Laney Graduate School covers the doctoral stipend for the first 2 years), (2) small grants to support research, and (3) funds for travel to conferences for research dissemination and professional development. Tuition and fees will also be covered by the Laney Graduate School and/or the Center. As part of the traineeship, the student is expected to be actively engaged with one or more of the Center's Research Core projects, and attend Education and Translational Core activities.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for these awards, applicants must specialize substantively in family planning and reproductive health in a doctoral program in Emory University's Laney Graduate School, Rollins School of Public Health, or the Nursing School. Preference will be given to students belonging to under-represented populations, which may include African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Pacific Islanders, and individuals who come from rural areas and/or are first-generation college students. In addition, preference will be given to candidates from a Southeastern state with strong intentions to remain/seek work in the region after training, as well as those who plan to focus on abortion-related and reproductive health policy-relevant research.

### Interested?

Interested candidates should submit a letter expressing their specific interest in family planning research, details about training and work experiences to date and curriculum vitae to Dr. Jessica Sales ([jmcdern@emory.edu](mailto:jmcdern@emory.edu)), Director of the RISE Education Core. We will then send you details about applying for this opportunity.

You can also view the current RISE Fellows on the [website](#).