Program Director Position in Cancer Survivorship
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The National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites letters of interest from researchers with expertise in cancer survivorship to join the Behavioral Research Program (BRP) as a Program Director/Health Scientist Administrator. Candidates with a research or clinical focus on survivorship-related basic behavioral, biobehavioral, and psychological processes or behavioral interventions are especially encouraged to apply.

BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research, including basic behavioral and psychological science and the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in cancer control areas such as tobacco and alcohol use, diet and energy balance, and sun protection. It maintains a robust surveillance capacity and several research tools and public-use datasets for secondary analyses, and it supports investigators with an innovative and diverse research portfolio (see selected investigator profiles).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The program director will be part of a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with opportunities to

• Manage an extramural research portfolio in cancer survivorship, broadly defined. Examples of key priorities include late effects of treatment on psychological, behavioral, and clinical outcomes; and the development and testing of behavioral interventions to improve quality of life for survivors and their caregivers.
• Develop research and funding priorities to cultivate a diverse portfolio of NCI-supported research
• Lead and participate in cross-disciplinary collaborations in public, private, and academic sectors
• Develop scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops) related to cancer survivorship
• Conduct independent research, publish, and present at professional meetings
• Inform documents and reports to advance the survivorship agenda in cancer prevention and control
• Mentor scientific fellows and trainees

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should possess a PhD, ScD, MD; or advanced clinical degree with research experience in behavioral science, social science, health services, health policy, medicine, or related areas. Those having experience in behavioral research within the context of cancer survivorship are especially encouraged to apply. Excellent communication skills and writing abilities, including an outstanding publication record and the ability to work collaboratively, are also required.

ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. Formal position announcements are posted periodically on www.usajobs.gov, and applications must be submitted there to be considered. Subscribe to receive updates. The anticipated full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will likely be classified as a GS13/14. Applicants must be US citizens and will be subject to a background investigation. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, and National Cancer Institute are Equal Opportunity Employers.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

Please submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications to ncidccbpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov. Contact Mary O’Connell or any of our staff for questions or to learn more about BRP.