

## The Behavioral Research Program welcomes Letters of Interest for a Program Director position in Health Communication Research, NCI

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The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences welcomes letters of interest from cancer communication researchers to serve as Program Director/Health Scientist Administrator within the [Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch \(HCIRB\)](#).

### ABOUT HCIRB

One of BRP's four extramural branches, HCIRB advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum. HCIRB is dedicated to advancing and funding cancer communication research to improve public understanding of cancer-relevant information, enhance patient-provider-caregiver interactions, facilitate team communications within and between health systems, and translate research into clinical and public health practice. Research priorities include broad areas of communication science, multilevel health communication, and technology-mediated communication.



NCI – Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland

BRP maintains a robust surveillance capacity through routine administration of population surveys, such as the Health Information National Trends Survey ([HINTS](#)) and Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey ([TUS-CPS](#)), in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau. BRP supports [several research tools and public-use data](#) for behavioral analysis; and hosts [Smokefree.gov](#), a digital, evidence-based suite of programs to help smokers quit. The grant portfolio includes a wide range of innovative and diverse research from investigators at domestic and international research institutions (e.g., [selected investigator profiles](#)).

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

As a Program Director (Health Scientist Administrator), the health scientist will be part of a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with ample opportunities to:

- manage a portfolio of extramural research in behavioral and communication science;
- 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 national and international scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops);
- conduct independent research, publish, and present at professional meetings;
- inform documents and reports to advance the health communication and informatics agenda in cancer prevention and control; and
- mentor scientific fellows and trainees.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidates should possess a PhD, ScD, MD, DrPH or equivalent in behavioral science, social science, health services, health policy, medicine, health informatics, or related areas.

Applicants with experience in any relevant area of health communication and informatics research are welcomed, especially those with expertise in behavior change and health informatics, connected health, mHealth, health IT, telehealth, and digital health. Additional technology-mediated communication research priorities are outlined on the [HCIRB website](#). In addition, excellent speaking and writing abilities are required, including a track record of publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

## ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

The anticipated full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will likely be classified as a GS13/14 on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov); excellent benefits will be provided. For more information about federal employment, see <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/>.

This announcement will be for a career position with the U.S. government and will require the applicant be a U.S. citizen. The position will be subject to a background investigation. Educational qualifications verified by official transcripts and submission of a Confidential Financial Disclosure OGE Form 450 will be required. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. **The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, and National Cancer Institute are Equal Opportunity Employers.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. A formal position announcement will be posted on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) and applications must be submitted through that website to be considered. Please check that website regularly for updated postings, as positions are often only open for 5 - 10 days.

## LETTERS OF INTEREST

Please submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications to [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov).

For questions about the position, contact [Robin Vanderpool](#).

Interested candidates are welcome to explore the program's [online staff directory](#) and contact any of our staff members to learn more about research at the National Cancer Institute.



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