

Program Director position, Health Behaviors Research Branch, 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 researchers to serve as Program Director/Health Scientist Administrator in the [Health Behaviors Research Branch](#) (HBRB). We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment.

ABOUT HBRB

One of BRP's four extramural branches, HBRB supports and catalyzes research on the discovery, testing, and implementation of effective strategies to promote healthy lifestyle behaviors for cancer prevention and control. HBRB supports research that focuses on multiple behavioral influences – individually and in combination – at the biological, psychological, behavioral, social, environmental, sociocultural, and policy levels. Research priorities include gene-behavior interactions, diet, physical activity and sedentary behavior, energy balance, obesity, sun safety and indoor tanning, alcohol use, sleep and circadian dysfunction, adherence to cancer-related medical and behavioral regimens, and other emerging cancer risk behaviors.



NCI Shady Grove campus, Rockville, Maryland

BRP maintains a robust set of research resources and contributes to national surveillance activities. Resources include public use databases (e.g., CLASS, which monitors, classifies, and evaluates health-related school policies) and datasets (e.g., Family Life, Activity, Sun, Health, and Eating study (FLASHE) and the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS)), among other tools to support research (e.g., GEM) and collaboration (Team Science Toolkit). 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, you will be part of a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with ample opportunities to:

- Manage a portfolio of extramural research in cross-disciplinary behavioral and health 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 behaviors agenda in cancer prevention and control; and
- Mentor scientific fellows and trainees.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidates should possess a PhD, ScD, EdD, MD, DrPH or equivalent in areas relevant to cross-disciplinary health behavior research, including behavioral science, psychology, sociology, public health, behavioral genetics, immunology, exercise physiology, nutrition, health economics, systems science, health geography, organizational behavior, implementation science, computer science, and related areas. We welcome applicants with experience in any relevant area of cancer-related health behaviors and behavior change, especially those with expertise in multi-behavioral research, multi-level and multi-factorial study designs and analysis, research technologies (e.g. wearable devices, intervention platforms), and computational modeling. Scholarly achievement as evidenced by an established, peer-reviewed publication and presentation record is required. Individuals with exceptional communication, leadership, and collaboration skills are highly desired.

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; 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.

Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Employment Opportunity: NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. The United States Government prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor. NIH will provide reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities as appropriate. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. A formal position announcement will be posted on 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. For questions about the position, contact [Dr. Susan Czajkowski](#).

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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