Chief, Tobacco Control Research Branch, NCI  
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ABOUT TCRB
The Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB) leads and collaborates on research and disseminates evidence-based findings to prevent, treat, and control tobacco use in order to create a world free of tobacco use and related cancer and suffering. TCRB is within the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Behavioral Research Program (BRP), in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). Current scientific priorities include research on tobacco cessation interventions at the individual, system, and population levels (including cessation among cancer patients and survivors); tobacco control interventions for underserved and at-risk populations; etiology and determinants of tobacco use, nicotine dependence, and cessation; use of policy and media to reduce tobacco use; and use of tobacco prevention and control research to promote health equity and reduce disparities in health outcomes.

BRP maintains a robust surveillance capacity through routine administration of population surveys, such as the Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS) and Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). Staff support several research tools and public-use data for behavioral analysis; hosts Smokefree.gov, a digital, evidence-based suite of programs to help smokers quit; and produces the Tobacco Control Monograph series, among other high-profile products to support cancer control researchers and the public. Funded grants include investigators at domestic and international research institutions with an innovative and diverse research portfolio (see TCRB-funded grants).

POSITION DESCRIPTION
The branch chief will lead a group of behavioral and social scientists, pre- and postdoctoral fellows, and public health practitioners to develop innovative research initiatives and encourage development in broad scientific areas such as tobacco policy research, tobacco cessation, global tobacco use, and tobacco-related disparities.

The branch chief will work collaboratively with the Associate Director and the program’s leadership team to spearhead new initiatives and collaborations within the division. The branch chief will participate in and lead collaborations across NCI/NIH, throughout the federal government (including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and U.S. Census Bureau), and with key stakeholders at academic institutions and non-government organizations.
BRP branch chiefs enjoy a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with opportunities to
• Manage and mentor engaged scientific and programmatic staff, fellows, and trainees
• Develop research and funding priorities to cultivate a diverse portfolio of grant-supported research
• Lead and participate in cross-disciplinary collaborations in public, private, and academic sectors
• Create national and international scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops)
• Inform documents and reports to advance the public health agenda in cancer prevention and control
• Conduct independent research, publish, and present at professional meetings

Explore the program’s online staff directory and contact any staff member to learn more about tobacco control research at NCI.

For questions about the position, contact Dr. Linda Nebeling, Deputy Associate Director for Behavioral Research (nebelinl@mail.nih.gov).

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