The NCI Behavioral Research Program welcomes letters of interest for a communications position

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The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) welcomes letters of interest for a federal position in the Office of the Associate Director (OAD) as a member of the communications team.

**BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research to increase the breadth, depth, and quality of behavioral research in cancer prevention and control.**

Research priorities address key psychological and behavioral targets across the cancer control continuum, from prevention to end-of-life care. These priorities include basic behavioral and psychological science, interventions in cancer control areas such as tobacco use, diet and energy balance, and sun protection, and processes and effects of communication and informatics.

**Position Description**

The OAD supports an extramural program of grants and contracts, provides research assistance and evaluation, and manages personnel and budget tasks. The BRP communications team is positioned within the OAD to support internal and external communication in behavioral research and cancer control.

The communications team serves alongside scientists and leadership to promote the program’s mission and disseminate research priorities; maintain the web and social media presence; provide writing and editing services; create presentations; and plan, facilitate, and execute meetings and special events. Members of the communications team also participate in project management for scientific initiatives and workgroups, and assist with strategic planning activities.

Interested candidates are welcome to explore the program’s online staff directory and contact any of our staff members to learn more about behavioral research at the National Cancer Institute.
QUALIFICATIONS
The ideal candidate will have an advanced degree in communications, public health, writing and editing, or similar; 5+ years’ experience directly supporting research activities with an interest in health behaviors; will be exceptionally detail-oriented with an outstanding record of written and oral communication; and will have a high level of competence translating complex biomedical content for various audiences and communication products (including but not limited to presentations and event programs, briefing documents and government reports, web content, and peer-reviewed journal articles).

ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS
The anticipated full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will likely be classified as a Program Analyst/Public Health Advisor or Writer/Editor (GS 11-13) 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. 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.

DCCPS is deeply committed to building a diverse health sciences workforce that maintains, fosters, and promotes an equitable, inclusive, accessible, and nurturing work environment. Diverse teams foster scientific innovation, improve the quality of research, contribute their lived experiences to a robust learning environment, advance the likelihood that underserved or health disparity populations participate in and benefit from health research, and enhance public trust. To that end, DCCPS is seeking a dynamic candidate to serve as a highly-valued member of the BRP communications team.

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.

LETTERS OF INTEREST
Please submit a one-page letter of interest and CV by July 31, 2022, to oconnellm@mail.nih.gov. References and writing samples may be requested at a later time.

The start date is flexible – approximately fall/winter 2022-2023.