

The NCI Behavioral Research Program welcomes letters of interest for a communication 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 position in the Office of the Associate Director (OAD) as a member of the communication 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.



NCI – Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland

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 communication team is positioned within the OAD to support internal and external communication in behavioral research and cancer control.

The communication 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 virtual and in-person meetings and special events. Members of the communication team also manage projects 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 NCI.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will have formal training in communication, public health, writing and editing, or similar; experience directly supporting research activities with an interest in population health; will be exceptionally detail-oriented with an outstanding record of written and oral communication; and will have a high level of competence tailoring 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).

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 communication team.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

Please submit a one-page letter of interest and CV to oconnellm@mail.nih.gov with the subject line “OAD communication LOI” by November 1, 2022. References and writing samples may be requested at a later time.

The start date is flexible –likely early calendar year 2023.



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