

# Role of Program Director

*An Overview for New Investigators*

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## Promotion of Science within NCI and Across NIH

- Identify gaps in the research portfolio and future directions
- Scientific liaison with other institutes, agencies, professional societies
- Develop NCI/Trans-NIH FOAs and other scientific opportunities

## Scientific Oversight

- Manage portfolio of grants within scientific area of expertise
- Oversee programmatic, scientific and technical aspects of grant
- Work with prospective and current grantees on grant idea development/submission and scientific management, respectively

# Work with Prospective and Current Grantees

- Review and discuss specific aims prior to submission
- Help connect PI with other relevant work and possible collaborators
- Identify possible FOAs (e.g., grants) and study sections
- Review summary statement and discuss next steps
  
- Post Award: Review grant progress, answer questions, and generally discuss issues that arise e.g.,
  - Changes to aims, protocol adaptations, measurement update
  - Participant recruitment
  - Relocation
- Discuss next grant(s) and possible supplements



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