Acting Deputy Director Opportunity
Office of Clinical Research (OCR)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

The Office of Clinical Research (OCR) at the NIMH provides institute-wide coordination of oversight for NIMH-funded clinical research studies and provides strategic guidance and recommendations to NIMH leadership about clinical research initiatives. The Office provides expertise in the areas of human research protection, data and safety monitoring, clinical trial operations, biostatistics, recruitment monitoring, and good clinical practice/protocol compliance monitoring. In addition, the Office provides consultations to NIMH staff, provides education about clinical research oversight, and serves as a liaison between NIMH and other NIH Institutes/Centers as well as other federal agencies such as the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Division is looking for a motivated individual to serve as Acting Deputy Director of OCR.

The incumbent will serve as the Acting Deputy Director for the OCR reporting to the Office Director. In this capacity, the individual will serve as a key advisor for the Acting Director, OCR, and provide administrative and scientific leadership on clinical research issues across NIMH, especially on the areas of human subject research protections, data and safety monitoring, and clinical trial operations. Along with the Acting Director, the Acting Deputy Director will assist in overseeing the continuous review and evaluation of NIMH’s national and international efforts concerning all aspects of clinical research monitoring and administration. The Acting Deputy Director will work with other NIMH program divisions and staff at NIH to ensure all research supported by NIMH adhere to Federal, HHS, NIH, and NIMH clinical research policies.

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively and offers opportunities to impact priorities, develop new initiatives, and contribute to the advancement of a national program of research.

Competitive candidates are expected to be accomplished scientists with a good understanding of how biomedical and behavioral research is performed. Candidates are expected to have clinical expertise in mental health and/or neurology with the ability to provide expert advice and consultation as needed on NIMH initiatives for clinical trials, including the scope, design, and standards for access and sharing of data, as well as development of public-private partnerships to support clinical research. Candidates with a publication record, prior research experience, and evidence of a familiarity with current literature in interdisciplinary neuroscience and psychiatry related to mental illness are preferred. Supervisory experience is preferred.

Responsibilities include planning and executing activities within the Office’s scope of responsibilities and aligning those activities with the NIMH Strategic Plan. Strong collaborative, organizational, oral, written, and communication skills are required.

Qualifications
Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have an M.D., or equivalent degree in an accredited college university.

How to Apply
Interested candidates should also send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov. This position will serve as a Detail opportunity with the option to extend in 120 Day increments.

The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. HHS and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers.