



**Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) Opportunity at NIMH
Functional Neurogenomics Program
Molecular, Cellular, and Genomic Neuroscience Research Branch
Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science
National Institute of Mental Health
Department of Health and Human Services**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders. NIMH is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers that make up the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the largest biomedical research agency in the world. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Position Overview

The NIMH Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science announces openings for Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) positions to guide and manage a grants program supporting basic research in functional neurogenomics. The Program Officer will lead an innovative program aimed at elucidating the functional impact of genomic, genetic, and epigenetic alternations and gene regulatory mechanisms contributing to changes at the cell, circuit, and behavioral level in model systems. This position provides an opportunity to impact priorities, develop new research initiatives, and contribute to the advancement of a national program of functional genomics research spanning molecular, cellular, physiological, and systems levels of analyses.

Individuals are encouraged to apply who have research experience using a broad range of neuroscience and molecular methods, procedures, and techniques aimed at elucidating mechanisms whereby genes, genetic mutations, and genomic processes impact biological processes relevant to mental disorders, such as circuit formation, neural plasticity, cognition, memory, attention, reward, and emotional processing. Of particular relevance is expertise in evaluating post-transcriptional and translational processes and molecular mediators responsible for effects within specific populations of brain cells and their effects on functional endpoints as well as application of novel model systems relevant to functional genomics research. General responsibilities will include administering and managing an extramural portfolio of research grants, interacting with researchers and program officers for related programs at NIMH, NIH, and other funding agencies, and developing new research initiatives.

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively. Strong organizational, and oral and written communication skills are also required. Experience with the grants process is preferable. Salary will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A full package of federal Civil Service benefits is available, including: retirement, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, leave, and the Thrift Savings Plan (401K equivalent). The successful candidate is subject to a background investigation and public financial disclosure requirements.

Qualifications

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university, including acceptance of the dissertation, in neuroscience or other pertinent academic fields of sciences allied to health or health-related research.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a CV, to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.

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