Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) Opportunities at NIMH
Functional Genomics Program
National Institute of Mental Health
Department of Health and Human Services

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Research announces openings for Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) positions to guide and manage a grants program supporting basic research in functional genomics. 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 to 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 and genomic processes impact biological processes relevant to mental disorders, such as 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 the application of novel model systems to interrogate 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, 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 a Thrift Savings Plan (401K equivalent). The successful candidate is subject to a background investigation and public financial disclosure requirements.

For medical and scientific specialties, qualification requirements, evaluation criteria, and application instructions, please view the vacancy announcement at https://jobs.nih.gov/globalrecruitment/. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.

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