



**Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer)
Learning and Memory Program
Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science (DNBBS)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

The **Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science** at the National Institute of Mental Health announces an opening for a Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) to guide and manage a grants program supporting basic research in the neuroscience of learning and memory. The Program Officer will lead an extramurally funded and innovative program employing causal experimental designs, cutting edge neurobiological and behavioral approaches, and multiple levels of analysis to decipher the mechanisms underlying learning and memory at the circuit level in animals and humans. This program supports research on a range of cognitive processes, including working memory, episodic encoding, consolidation, retrieval, and learning processes that encode higher cognitive functions such as spatial processing within working memory and quantitative processing.

This individual will identify and formulate program needs to achieve an integrated and responsive effort in the field of learning and memory that combines causal experimental designs, cutting edge neurobiological and behavioral approaches, and multiple levels of analysis to decipher the mechanisms underlying learning and memory in healthy humans and animals. As one of the program officers in this branch, the selected candidate will stimulate, plan, advise, and direct program activities for a portfolio of research projects and grant or cooperative agreement awards in the area of learning and memory.

The candidate will also develop collaborative activities among federal agencies to foster multi-disciplinary projects with a goal to establish new principles and new methodologies to expand studies of circuit-level mechanisms of learning, memory, and higher order cognitive processes. The candidate will be responsible for maintaining and further developing innovative scientific directions and adopting research technologies developed through the [BRAIN Initiative](#) and [Human Connectome Project](#).

Qualifications

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and have a Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degree) in an academic field of the health or pertinent sciences (i.e., neuroscience, learning and memory, cognitive neuroscience, etc.) from an accredited college or university, including acceptance of the dissertation. Degrees in fields that emphasize learning and memory processes are preferred. A publication record and evidence of familiarity with current literature in the neuroscience of learning and memory and/or cognitive neuroscience are essential. Prior research experience spanning the fields of systems levels neuroscience is highly desirable. Fluency in written and spoken English is required, and motivation to serve as a team member in the Behavioral Science and Integrative Neuroscience Research Branch is necessary.

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively. Strong organizational and oral and written communication skills are also required. 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/>.

How to Apply: Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae, to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.

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