



**Health Scientist Administrator (Branch Chief) Opportunities at NIMH
Chief, Behavioral Science and Integrative Neuroscience Research Branch
Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science
National Institute of Mental Health
Department of Health and Human Services**

The Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Science (DNBBS) at NIMH directs, plans, and supports programs of research in the areas of basic neuroscience, human genetics, basic behavioral science, research training, resource development, technology development, drug discovery, and research dissemination. The Division also has the responsibility, in cooperation with other components of the Institute and the research community, for ensuring that relevant basic science knowledge is generated and then harvested to create improved diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and behavioral disorders. The Division is looking for a motivated individual to serve as Chief of the Behavioral and Integrative Neuroscience Research Branch.

The Branch plans, supports, and administers programs of research in basic neuroscience, focusing on empirical, theoretical, and computational modeling approaches to understand neural bases of cognitive, social, arousal, regulatory, and positive and negative valence systems, and their development and interaction across the lifespan in both animal and human experimental systems. Interdisciplinary research that spans levels of analysis, from behavioral to neural, is especially encouraged. The Branch supports studies that: employ causal experimental designs to probe functions of neural circuits that subservise the core aspects of the abovementioned behavioral domains; address developmental time course and/or sex differences of these functional domains; and application of research tools and technologies developed through the [BRAIN Initiative](#) and [Human Connectome Project](#) toward understanding how differences in circuitry relate to differences in brain functions and complex behaviors. The Branch supports basic science projects that address the developmental time course of neural circuits and the neurobiological bases of sex differences in mental health relevant behaviors in animals and humans and the development and/or use of psychometrically sound behavioral assessment methods relevant to [RDoC domains and constructs](#) in healthy human subjects.

The selected candidate will oversee and supervise Program Officers who initiate, plan, develop, and direct NIMH extramural research programs administered by the Branch. The selected candidate will serve as Program Officer for a portfolio of grants, contracts and/or cooperative agreements, and will participate in collaborative activities with other NIH Institutes and Federal Departments or Agencies, as appropriate.

Competitive candidates are expected to be accomplished scientists with a good understanding of how biomedical research is performed and expertise in interdisciplinary neuroscience research with a focus on understanding brain and behavior. A publication record, prior research experience, and evidence of a familiarity with current literature in interdisciplinary neuroscience related to mental illness are essential. Supervisory experience is desired.

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.

Responsibilities include supervision of scientific staff, planning and executing activities within the Branch's scope of responsibilities, and aligning those activities with the NIMH Strategic Plan. Direct management of a portfolio of grants/contracts is also expected. Strong collaborative, organizational, oral, written and communication skills are 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.

Qualifications

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree in an accredited college 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 also send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to **NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov**.

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