



**Director, Office of Clinical Research (OCR)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

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 is seeking superior candidates for the position of **Director, Office of Clinical Research (OCR) within the Office of the Director**. The NIMH OCR provides institute-wide coordination and 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 and Centers as well as other federal agencies such as the Office for Human Research Protections and Food and Drug Administration.

The **Director** will serve as the **Lead** for the OCR, reporting to the NIMH Director. In this capacity, he or she will serve as a key advisor for the Institute and provide administrative and scientific leadership on clinical research issues across NIMH, especially pertaining to the areas of human subject research protections, data and safety monitoring, and clinical trial operations. The **Director** will assist in overseeing the continuous review and evaluation of NIMH's national and international efforts with regard to all aspects of clinical research monitoring and administration. The **Director** will work with other NIMH Extramural Scientific Program Divisions Offices and staff at NIH to ensure all research supported by NIMH adhere to federal, HHS, NIH and NIMH clinical research policies.

The incumbent must have intimate knowledge of current federal policies, regulations, and responsibilities with regard to conducting psychiatric, clinical research and research on human subjects, and the impact on the management and administration of grants. This position must provide expert advice and consultation as needed regarding collaborative clinical research efforts with other professional groups, governmental and nongovernmental, to ensure the highest ethical and human subject research standards are maintained. This position will assist the NIMH Director and Deputy Director in interacting with the National Advisory Mental Health Council and consultant committees or external workgroups on the various aspects of the Institute's research and other programs as appropriate, and serve as the Institute and/or Agency representative on diverse policy-making committees and groups or clinical research-related committees.

Competitive candidates are expected to be accomplished M.D. (psychiatry specialty) and possess a wealth of knowledge of the various aspects of managing clinical trials, as well as the regulatory and safety issues. The incumbent must have an accomplished publication records, prior research experience, and evidence of a familiarity with current literature in interdisciplinary neuroscience and psychiatry related to mental illness.

Responsibilities include planning and executing activities within the Office's scope of responsibilities and aligning those activities with the NIMH Strategic Plan. He/She must be able to manage interdisciplinary staff with a variety of backgrounds and interests to generate a work environment which is cooperative and productive. He/She will partner with the Director, NIMH in establishing goals, objectives, plans, and priorities for the Office and communicate those to staff through staff meetings, policy statements, and other formal methods.

Qualifications

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have an M.D., or equivalent degree in an accredited college university. The incumbent must also have a background of direct administration or management of program/efforts with national dimensions; be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as distinguished individuals of outstanding competence.

How to Apply

The vacancy announcements will be posted on the NIMH Internet at [Careers at NIMH](#), as well as in various journals and listservs. If you would like to be notified when the announcement is live, please send your Letter of Interest and Curriculum Vitae to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov. Please contact [Melissa Kopyto](#) at (301) 827-2862 if you have any questions regarding this process or position.

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