Director, Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health
National Institute of Mental Health
Department of Health and Human Services

The National Institute of Mental Health, a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director, Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health, Office of the Director. This Congressionally mandated position reports to the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, and serves as the Director’s principal staff advisor on issues of recruitment, retention and training of a diverse scientific workforce and research on mental health disparities. The Director is responsible for leading the Institute’s Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health, and works with other senior leadership members to formulate practices, policies and procedures that will have a positive impact on NIMH initiatives and activities, especially as these relate to diverse populations and global mental health issues.

The Director for the Office of Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health is responsible for developing and implementing an overall vision for the Institute on enhancing and building a diverse national scientific workforce at the national level that is consistent with the mission and strategic objectives of the NIMH. In addition, the Director will help strengthen the Institute’s initiative to ensure appropriate inclusion of women and minorities in studies relating to health promotion and disease prevention. This effort would encompass working collaboratively with the other divisions of the Institute to develop and execute initiatives.

Applicants must have an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a field relevant to the position. Broad senior-level experience in direct administration of a research, science education or public health related program is also required. Applicants should be known and respected within their profession as distinguished individuals of outstanding leadership and management ability, with a solid understanding of issues impacting mental illness for global services and diverse populations. Experience with clinical care in a global health setting is highly desirable. Knowledge of NIH administrative policies, procedures, and operations are preferable but not essential. This position will be filled under a Title 42 (f) excepted service appointment.

Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A recruitment or relocation bonus may be available, and relocation expenses may be paid. 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.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of research and administrative experience, and a curriculum vitae and bibliography to: Chair, NIMH ORDGMH Director Search Committee at NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov or at 6001 Executive Blvd, Room 7215B, Bethesda, MD 20892-9669. NIMH will begin accepting applications on December 1st and plans to have the position open for 40 days.

Information about NIMH can be found at https://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml

You may contact Ms. Frances Garcia with questions and for more information about this vacancy at garciavazquezlf@mail.nih.gov or (301) 451-0176.

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