Program Officer Opportunity at NIMH

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 National Institute of Mental Health is seeking motivated individuals to serve as Program Officers in the areas of basic neuroscience, translational research, services and intervention research, and AIDS 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.

Research Portfolio Overview

Through its extramural program, NIMH supports more than 2,000 research grants and contracts at universities and other institutions across the country and overseas. The majority of these research projects support the following areas of science:

Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Science: NIMH provides support for research programs in the areas of basic neuroscience, genetics, basic behavioral science, research training, resource development, technology development, drug discovery, and research dissemination.

Translational Science and Technology Development: NIMH directs, plans, and supports programs of research and research training that translate knowledge from basic science to discover the etiology, pathophysiology, and trajectory of mental disorders and develops effective interventions for children and adults. Research supports the development of tools and technologies that can be used in brain and behavioral research.

Interventions and Services Research: NIMH supports effectiveness research focused on optimizing preventive and therapeutic interventions (i.e., refining therapies to increase potency and efficiency; testing strategies for matching and sequencing treatments) to ensure that interventions are maximally effective and optimally matched to individual needs; and services research that aims to increase access, continuity, equity, efficiency, and quality of mental health care. Expertise in pharmacological interventions is desirable.

HIV/AIDS Research: NIMH supports research to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS worldwide and to decrease the burden of living with HIV/AIDS. NIMH research encompasses a broad range of studies that includes basic and clinical neuroscience of HIV infection.

Qualifications

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have successfully completed all the degree requirements for a Ph.D. or equivalent experience. Relevant research experience and experience with the grants process is preferable.

How to Apply

Vacancy announcements will be posted on www.USAJOBS.gov. If you would like to be notified prior to the upcoming announcements, please send your resume to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.