



National Institute
of Mental Health

**Staff Scientist
Office of the Scientific Director
National Institute of Mental Health
National Institutes of Health
Department of Health and Human Services
Bethesda, MD**

Duties

The staff scientist position is within the office of the Scientific Director, NIMH. The staff scientist will play an integral role in the research program refining our understanding of brain plasticity by revealing how myelin plasticity optimizes brain function in response to experience. The staff scientist will also research the life cycle of the oligodendrocyte, the cell type responsible for myelination within the central nervous system (CNS). The group will examine how oligodendrocytes are generated during development, how they are regenerated after injury and their role in supporting the function of axons. The staff scientist will supervise lab technicians and trainees, ensuring the safety of all research participants.

Qualifications

NIMH seeks a candidate committed to scientific excellence and understands the critical role of epigenetics in the regulation of neural stem cell function. Applicants must hold an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree. Criteria for selection include solid training and experience in biomedical research and of myelin-producing oligodendrocytes in the brain. Experience in designing experiments, analyzing the data and publishing the results is required. An excellent track record in peer-reviewed publications is highly desirable. Experience in mentoring junior trainees and in establishing collaborations across different disciplines is also highly desirable. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

How to Apply

The position is open to both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens. Interested candidates must submit a current curriculum vitae and bibliography (no mini-CV or biosketch), including examples of scientific recognition (e.g. awards, honors, and outside activities), a one-page summary of research interests, and the names and contact information (work/email addresses, phone) of three references (via pdf or Microsoft word format only – paper applications will not be accepted) to Susan G. Amara, Ph.D., NIMH, c/o Stephanie Jones via email to stephanie.jones@nih.gov.

Applications will be accepted until September 24, 2021.

The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities and individuals with disabilities.

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