Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) Opportunity

Division of Translational Research (DTR)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

The Division of Translational Research (DTR) at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) directs, plans, and supports programs of research that translate knowledge from basic science to discover the etiology, pathophysiology, and trajectory of mental illnesses and develop effective interventions for children and adults.

The Division is hiring a Program Officer for its Rockville, Maryland site to direct and lead child and adolescent anxiety and behavioral dysregulation programs. The program officer manages research on the neural mechanisms and trajectories of psychopathology, including anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, eating disorders, and related phenotypes and prodromes. The overall goal is to understand the etiology, neurodevelopmental mechanisms, developmental course of, periods of vulnerability or sensitivity for, or risk processes related to the onset, progression, recurrence, and remission of these disorders and their relevant components.

Position Overview

Job candidates should be accomplished scientists with a good understanding of how biomedical research is performed and expertise in one or more of these fields: neurodevelopment, anxiety and related disorders, neurocognitive and socioemotional development of mental illness risk, and resilience in children and adolescents. Candidates with expertise in related fields that emphasize multidisciplinary approaches to understanding the underlying causes of and developing effective treatment for mental disorders will also be considered. Responsibilities will include administering and managing extramural research grants, cooperative agreements and developing new funding opportunities. The Program Officer will interact and collaborate with researchers in the scientific community, with program officers at NIMH, NIH, and other federal agencies.

Qualifications

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively. Strong organizational, oral, written, and communication skills are also required. The salary will commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A complete 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.

How to Apply

For qualification requirements, evaluation criteria, and application instructions, please view the vacancy announcement at https://jobs.nih.gov/globalrecruitment/. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.

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