

Career Opportunity in Health Communication Research

National Cancer Institute

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences seeks to recruit a dynamic Program Director (Health Scientist Administrator) to join the Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB), within the Behavioral Research Program. The NCI, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the primary Federal agency responsible for cancer research in the United States.

The mission of HCIRB is to promote research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics on health outcomes across the cancer control continuum. HCIRB supports communication research in clinical care and public health contexts through a variety of channels, including interpersonal (e.g. patient-provider and family), print, mass media, and technology-mediated mechanisms (e.g. mHealth, social media, and the use of Electronic Medical Records).

For more information about HCIRB, please visit: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hcirb/>

Applicants with expertise in the following areas are especially encouraged to apply:

- Health communication theories and practice,
- Social marketing;
- Health services research,
- Meaningful use of health information technologies,
- Message design and dissemination, and
- Implementation of health communication and promotion interventions.

Qualified candidates should have a doctoral degree and substantial research training in health communication and/or behavioral and social sciences within a cancer control context. Experience with NIH grant funding, either as an investigator or experienced Program Director, is required for this position.

Extramural scientific staff are encouraged to engage in collaborative research, presentations, and publications. Substantial resources are available for secondary data analyses, scholarly review of existing literatures, and the development of new conceptual perspectives.

NCI Program Directors enjoy a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with ample opportunities to:

- Develop research and funding initiatives;
- Cultivate a diverse portfolio of funded research;
- Lead and participate in transdisciplinary research collaborations among public, private, and academic stakeholders; and
- Develop national and international scientific programs (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops).

The work site location is the Washington, D.C. suburb of Rockville, Maryland. Salaries will be competitive and commensurate with experience; excellent benefits will be provided. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. NCI/NIH is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To express your interest in the position, please send the following documents by electronic mail to Ms. Tonza Webb at webbton@mail.nih.gov:

- ~ Cover letter describing your expertise and interest in directing a health communication research program at the NCI;
- ~ Curriculum vitae, including professional references; and,
- ~ One first-authored journal publication relevant to the expertise sought in this announcement.

For additional information about opportunities to inform the trajectory of cancer control research and the development of a national research agenda in communication science, please contact:

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Interested candidates are encouraged to contact HCIRB and other Behavioral Research Program staff. To learn more about our network of mentorship and collaboration, please visit:

<http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp/>.

The formal position announcement will be posted on www.usajobs.gov.

