Health Scientist Administrator (Branch Chief) Opportunities at NIMH
Chief, Biomarkers and Intervention Development for Childhood-Onset Mental Disorders Branch
Division of Translational Research

The Division of Translational Research (DTR) at 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 develop effective interventions for children and adults. DTR supports integrative, multidisciplinary research in the following areas: the phenotypic characterization and risk factors for psychiatric disorders; neurobehavioral mechanisms of psychopathology; trajectories of risk and resilience; and design and testing of innovative neuromodulatory, psychosocial and psychopharmacological interventions. The Division is looking for a motivated individual to serve as Chief of the Biomarkers and Intervention Development for Childhood-Onset Mental Disorders Branch.

The Branch supports research leading to the development of novel, mechanism-based treatments, and preventive interventions for childhood-onset mental disorders. The programs within this branch support research to develop novel cognitive, behavioral, psychosocial, pharmacological, and non-invasive brain stimulation interventions. The branch also supports the identification of reliable and valid biomarkers useful for stratification of research participants in clinical trials or for use as objective predictors or indicators of treatment response. The Autism Research Program is also administered within this branch, and supports a wide range of research on the characterization, pathophysiology, treatment, and outcomes of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and related neurodevelopmental disorders.

The selected candidate will oversee and supervise Program Officers who initiate, plan, develop, and direct NIMH extramural research programs administered by the branch. The selected candidate will also be responsible for supervision of policy analysts, and administrative assistant staff. The selected candidate will serve as Program Officer for a portfolio of grants, contracts and/or private-public partnerships, and will participate in collaborative activities with other NIH Institutes and Federal Departments or Agencies, as appropriate.

Competitive candidates are expected to be accomplished scientists with a good understanding of how biomedical research is performed and expertise in clinical research on mental disorders in children; expertise in novel intervention development is desired. A publication record, prior research experience, and evidence of familiarity with relevant current literature are essential. Supervisory experience is desired.

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively and offers opportunities to impact priorities, develop new initiatives and contribute to the advancement of a national program of research. Responsibilities include supervision of scientific and administrative staff, planning and executing activities within the Branch's scope of responsibilities, and aligning those activities with the NIMH Strategic Plan. Direct management of a portfolio of grants/contracts is also expected. Strong collaborative, organizational, and oral and written communication skills are required. Salary will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate. 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.

Qualifications
Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have an M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree in an accredited college university, including acceptance of the dissertation, in an academic field of the health or pertinent sciences allied to health or health related research.

How to Apply
We will be accepting applications from May 20 – May 29, 2019. Interested candidates should apply via **www.usajobs.gov** prior to the closing date. Interested candidates should also send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to **NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov.**

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