

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
***Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**

Chief and Senior Investigator, Health Behavior Branch

The Division of Intramural Population Health Research (DIPHR) of the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites candidates to apply for the position of Chief and Senior Investigator of the Health Behavior Branch. As one of three intramural branches in the newly reorganized Division, the Health Behavior Branch has as its mission the implementation of original research aimed at understanding human behavior and the design of interventions to maximize the health and well-being of populations, including infants, children, young adults, and pregnant women. As an intramural Branch, the Health Behavior Branch focuses on high-risk innovative research that uses the rich trans-disciplinary environment of the Division and the intramural research programs within the Institute. In addition, Branch scientists actively mentor fellows and interns at all career stages, while providing professional service to the National Institutes of Health, other governmental agencies and their professions. The Branch is currently conducting innovative studies focusing on adolescents, on topics such as risky behaviors and clinically based interventions for children with diabetes. Future research directions include understanding the genetic, biomarker mechanisms and environmental influences on behavioral outcomes across the lifespan. A description of the Branch may be found at <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/diphr/hbb/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Branch Chief provides leadership, managerial and administrative oversight for all branch scientists and staff, and is also responsible for his/her own original independent and collaborative research on health behavior. Candidates must have received from an accredited university either (1) an earned doctoral degree in health behavior, public health mental health, nutrition, psychology, or a closely related field, or (2) an earned medical degree with a graduate degree or post-doctoral training in one of the above disciplines or behavioral medicine. The successful candidate must be an internationally recognized researcher who has a record commensurate with the rank of tenured full or associate professor, as demonstrated by a strong trajectory of publications and extramurally funded research and a clear vision for advancing and applying the understanding of health behavior. Excellent communication skills are required.

The Branch Chief will be eligible for tenure, at a salary commensurate with his/her credentials and experience. Full federal government benefits will be provided, including leave, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement plan, and savings plan (401k equivalent).

Interested candidates should submit the following items:

- Curriculum vitae;
- Brief (2-3 pages) cover letter that summarizes professional training and experience in the following areas: leadership/management/ administration, research, professional service, and mentoring.
- Brief (3-5 pages) vision statement for the Branch
- Names, affiliations, and contact details of three references (who will only be contacted following an interview).

Please email these materials as one package to:

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Applications received by January 1, 2014 will be considered for a first round of interviews, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The selected candidate is expected to assume the position and be onsite by September 1, 2014.

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