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Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Director, Division of Intramural Population Health Research
Supervisory Epidemiologist (Senior Scientist), GS-601-15

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

THE POSITION: The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), seeks to identify an outstanding individual to lead its Division of Intramural Population Health Research (DIPHR), located in Rockville, Maryland. NICHD’s research activities are directed toward developing a greater understanding of the biological, medical, reproductive and behavioral aspects of normal and abnormal human development. DIPHR is a Division in NICHD’s intramural research program that focuses on innovative transdisciplinary population health through the integration of biological, epidemiologic, behavioral, and statistical sciences to address the mission of NICHD. The Director of DIPHR provides leadership for the three Branches in the Division (Biostatistics & Bioinformatics, Epidemiology, and Social and Behavioral Sciences) and the Contraception Development Program. The ideal candidate will foster innovative population-based research that builds on the existing strengths within the Division, including designing and conducting etiologic and interventional studies focusing on reproduction, pregnancy, and the development of children and adolescents across the lifespan and in multiple generations. In addition, flexibility in DIPHR’s resources and organizational structure enables it to respond to new and pressing public health research problems by incorporating emerging research opportunities into its existing programs. The Director of DIPHR reports to the Scientific Director, NICHD, and plans, develops, organizes, implements, and directs a diverse and technically complex research program in population-based science, while providing intellectual leadership and mentorship to tenured and tenure-track scientists and trainees.

This position offers a unique and exciting opportunity for an extremely capable individual to develop and implement an overall vision for the DIPHR and to plan and oversee its multifaceted research programs in population health. The Director of DIPHR will evaluate research efforts and establish program priorities, allocate resources, direct the training of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows, collaborate with other NIH programs, and advise the NICHD Director and senior staff on DIPHR programs and on areas of scientific interest to the Institute. The incumbent plays a key role in creating and maintaining a nurturing research environment that encourages creativity, collaboration among scientists from different disciplines, effective training of post-doctoral fellows, and efficient utilization of resources. In addition, the incumbent serves as a representative of NICHD and the NIH on trans-HHS or other federal committees. The DIPHR has a staff of 79 individuals and a current annual budget in excess of $36 million. For more information on NICHD, please visit https://www.nichd.nih.gov/

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree, with an established track record of research accomplishment and demonstrated scientific leadership in epidemiology, biostatistics, or a related area in population health relevant to maternal and child health or human development. The successful candidate will have a compelling vision for the future of the field, proven experience in managing and directing a scientific research program, and well-honed administrative and interpersonal skills. The NICHD seeks candidates who have a commitment to scientific excellence and the energy, enthusiasm, and innovative thinking necessary to maintain the DIPHR’s research efforts at the forefront of science.


**SALARY/BENEFITS:** Salary is commensurate with training and relevant research experience. A full package of Federal Civil Service benefits is available for this position, including: retirement, health and life insurance, long term care insurance, leave, and a Thrift Savings Plan (401K equivalent).

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT:** Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization. The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT/FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** The National Institutes of Health inspires public confidence in our science by maintaining high ethical principles. NIH employees are subject to Federal government-wide regulations and statutes as well as agency-specific regulations described at the [NIH Ethics Website](https://www.nih.gov). We encourage you to review this information. The position is subject to a background investigation and requires the incumbent to complete a public financial disclosure report prior to the effective date of the appointment.

**FOREIGN EDUCATION:** Applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the U.S. must have their foreign education evaluated by an accredited organization to ensure that the foreign education is equivalent to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States. We will only accept the completed foreign education evaluation. For more information on foreign education verification, visit the [https://www.naces.org](https://www.naces.org) website. Verification must be received prior to the effective date of the appointment.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:** NIH provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Candidates must apply online at [www.USAGov](https://www.usajobs.gov) (NIH-NICHD-DE-11057496) between May 5, 2021 and May 15, 2021. U.S. Citizenship or proof of being a U.S. National must be met by closing date. Questions should be directed to Ms. Shauntell Embrack at 301-435-5723, or e-mail embrack@od.nih.gov.

Interested candidates may also apply by submitting a letter of interest -- including a brief description of research and administrative experience; curriculum vitae and bibliography; and full contact information for five references. Application packages should be sent via e-mail to Mr. Michael Rosenthal at: rosentm@mail.nih.gov. These applications must be received by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on May 15, 2021. Questions should be directed to Mr. Rosenthal on 301-443-7414, or e-mail rosentm@mail.nih.gov.

Please include in your CV, a description of mentoring and outreach activities in which you have been involved, especially those involving women and persons from racial/ethnic or other groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research.

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