



**Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) Opportunities at NIMH  
Neuroimmunology Program  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Department of Health and Human Services**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Division of Neuroscience and Basic Behavioral Research announces openings for Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) positions to guide and manage a grants program supporting basic research in neuroimmunology. The Program Officer will lead an innovative program aimed at identifying fundamental mechanisms underlying the effects of immune cells, cytokines, chemokines, microbiota, and glial cells on neurodevelopment, signaling cascades, synaptic plasticity, brain circuits, and behaviors related to affect, cognition and social behavior. This position provides an opportunity to impact priorities, develop new research initiatives and to contribute to the advancement of a national program of neuroimmunology research spanning molecular, cellular, physiological, and systems levels of analyses.

Individuals are encouraged to apply who have research experience using broad range of methods, procedures and techniques to understand the mechanisms whereby immune-mediated molecules and cells impact relevant signaling cascades and brain circuits across the lifespan including, for example, effects on gene expression and regulation, interactions between neuroimmune and neuroendocrine systems, and peripheral-brain communication of immune signaling. General responsibilities will include administering and managing an extramural portfolio of research grants, interacting with researchers and program officers for related programs at NIMH, NIH, and other funding agencies, and developing new research initiatives.

This position requires working both independently and collaboratively. Strong organizational, oral, written and communication skills are also required. Experience with the grants process is preferable. 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 a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in an accredited college university including acceptance of the dissertation, in an academic field or the health or pertinent sciences allied to health or health related research.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a curriculum vitae to [NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NIMHsearch@mail.nih.gov). To learn more about the National Institute of Mental Health careers, visit <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/careers/index.shtml>.

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