

## Program Director – Behavioral Research Program

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The National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites letters of interest from scientists interested in behavioral risk factors for cancer to join the Behavioral Research Program as a **Scientific Program Director**.

The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) is within NCI's Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences. BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research, including basic behavioral and psychological science as well as the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in cancer control areas such as tobacco use, diet and energy balance, and sun protection. The program is also the organizational home of the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS), and it maintains a leading-edge presence on interventions that use advances in communication technology in cancer control. Our goal is to increase the breadth, depth, and quality of behavioral research in cancer prevention and control.

### About the Scientific Program Director Role

NCI program directors support investigators at domestic and international research institutions, and they provide expert oversight and administration of extramural grant, cooperative agreement, and contract portfolios. They enjoy an intellectually stimulating and collegial environment that supports the use of their expertise to determine research priorities, develop funding opportunities, and identify resources needed to accelerate scientific discovery. Program directors are encouraged to conduct original research, lead and participate in transdisciplinary collaborations, present their research and the NCI vision at professional conferences, and publish in professional journals. Based on background and expertise, program directors are assigned to one of four branches within the program:

- Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences
- Health Behaviors Research
- Health Communication and Informatics Research
- Tobacco Control Research

To learn more about the BRP branches, visit:

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/program-branches.html>

### Qualifications

People with a conferred Ph.D., Sc.D., Ed.D., or M.D. degree with specialized research, knowledge, and experience in areas related to BRP priorities are encouraged to apply. Candidates with expertise in the following fields are of particular interest: health communication; public health; health behavior intervention development and testing; behavioral genomics; behavioral economics; emerging cancer risk factor behaviors, including alcohol use and sleep/circadian function; cancer survivorship; psychology; sociology; neuroscience; animal modeling; eHealth, mHealth or Connected Health; multilevel intervention research; and novel research designs and methods.

### Submission Requirements

This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications at [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. A formal position announcement will be posted on [usajobs.gov](https://usajobs.gov), and applications must be submitted through that website to be considered. Please check usajobs.gov regularly for updated postings.