



## Letters of Interest for Federal Employment -

### Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch (BBPSB) Program Director, 2016

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites letters of interest from scientists with expertise in clinical, behavioral, or psychological aspects of cancer control to join the Basic Biobehavioral and Psychological Sciences Branch (BBPSB) as a Program Director. To learn more about BBPSB, visit <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/bbpsb/index.html>.

### About BBPSB

BBPSB leads NCI's investment in the basic science of human behavior. Research domains cultivated by BBPSB include:

- Cognition, emotion, judgment, and decision-making related to cancer prevention and control;
- Sensation, attention, and perception related to cancer prevention and control;
- Biological pathways through which psychosocial stressors influence cancer biology and outcomes;
- Methodology and measurement of biobehavioral moderators and mediators of cancer prevention and control;
- Identification and validation of psychological and biobehavioral mechanisms or processes hypothesized to be measurable, malleable, and implicated in behavior change relevant to cancer prevention and control;
- Late effects of cancer and cancer treatment; and
- Ethical issues in behavioral research conducted to inform cancer prevention and control.

### About the Program Director Role

Scientists within the branch support investigators at domestic and international research institutions and provide expert oversight of extramural grant, cooperative agreement, and contract portfolios. Members of the BBPSB scientific team use their expertise to determine research priorities, develop funding opportunities, and identify resources needed to accelerate scientific discovery.

Recent initiatives led by BBPSB Program Directors include:

- Fundamental Mechanisms of Affective and Decisional Processes in Cancer Control, PAR-16-380 (R01)
- Leveraging Cognitive Neuroscience Research to Improve Assessment of Cancer Treatment Related Cognitive Impairment, PAR-16-212 (R01) & PAR-16-213 (R21)
- Neural Regulation of Cancer, PAR-16-245 (R01) & PAR-16-246 (R21); and
- Predicting Behavioral Responses to Population-Level Cancer Control Strategies, PAR-16-257 (R21)

BBPSB scientists enjoy a scientifically energizing and collegial environment. Each is encouraged to conduct original research to inform strategic priority setting; lead and participate in transdisciplinary research collaborations among public, private, and academic stakeholders; publish in peer-reviewed journals; and develop scientific programming for national and international research conferences. Ample opportunity and access to viable resources enable secondary data analyses of national and state survey data, scholarly review of existing literatures, and the development of new conceptual perspectives and research paradigms.

### Position Qualifications

- Relevant doctoral or medical degree (e.g. PhD, ScD, MD);
- Specialized research, knowledge, and expertise in clinical oncology, cancer survivorship, or behavioral science;
- Scholarly achievement as evidenced by an established, peer-reviewed publication and presentation record; and
- Exceptional communication, leadership, and collaboration skills

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications immediately to Paige Green, PhD, MPH, BBPSB Chief at: [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov).

[http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/career\\_training.html](http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/career_training.html)



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### Application Details

The anticipated full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will likely be classified as a Health Scientist Administrator (HSA) or Medical Officer (Research) on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Salaries will be competitive and commensurate with experience; excellent benefits will be provided. For more information about federal employment, see: <https://www.usajobs.gov/help#icc>.

This announcement is for a career position with the U.S. government and requires that the applicant is a U.S. citizen. The position is subject to a background investigation. Educational qualifications verified by official transcripts and submission of a Confidential Financial Disclosure OGE Form 450 are required. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. **The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health and NCI are Equal Opportunity Employers.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. A formal position announcement will be posted on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) and applications must be submitted through that website to be considered. Please check that website regularly for updated postings, as positions are only open for 5 - 10 days.

### Inquiries

As a member of our research community, you are welcome to explore the [online staff directory](#) and contact any of our staff members to learn more about behavioral research at the National Cancer Institute. Our team of accomplished scientists and research associates, fellows, and administrators, is dedicated to the advancement of behavioral science research in cancer prevention and control.



[Paige Green](#)  
Branch Chief

*Expertise:* Stress-mediated effects on cancer biology; stress measurement and methodology, psychoneuro-immunology



[Tanya Agurs-Collins](#)  
Program Director

*Expertise:* Lifestyle factors, hormones, obesity and cancer risk in ethnic/minority populations; gene-environment-behavior interactions, policy research



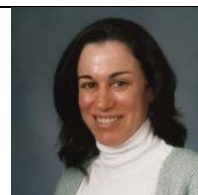
[Rebecca Ferrer](#)  
Program Director

*Expertise:* Emotion/affective science, judgment and decision making, risk perception, social psychology



[Todd Horowitz](#)  
Program Director

*Expertise:* Attention, Visual Perception, Circadian Rhythms



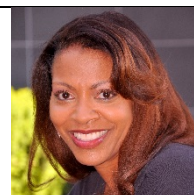
[Wendy Nelson](#)  
Program Director

*Expertise:* Decision making, health numeracy/literacy, human subjects protections, cognitive effects of chemotherapy and other cancer treatments



[Jerry Suls](#)  
Senior Scientist

*Expertise:* Role of social influence, cognitive, affective and biological factors in risk and adaptation to cancer and heart disease



[Donna Hopkins](#)  
Program Specialist

**For general questions, contact:**  
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240-276-6762

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications to:  
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