

## Letters of Interest for Federal Employment Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB)

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The National Cancer Institute (NCI) invites letters of interest from scientists with expertise in eHealth, mHealth, or Connected Health to join the Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB) as a Program Director.

### ABOUT HCIRB

HCIRB is charged with steering the national research agenda in cancer communication during a time of extraordinary change in the health information environment. To stay abreast of these changes, the branch maintains a surveillance capacity through routine administration of the Health Information National Trends Survey ([HINTS](#)). HCIRB scientists are given early access to HINTS data before their public release as part of their own programs of research. Through these data, analysts have monitored a rapid diffusion of mobile (mHealth) technologies that can be leveraged for behavioral interventions in cancer control and prevention. NCI is looking for a communication scientist to help guide research priorities in this new and emerging area, to develop funding opportunities, and to communicate with extramural grant applicants. To learn more about HCIRB, visit: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hcirb/>.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR ROLE



HCIRB is within the NCI Behavioral Research Program, which employs one of the largest cohorts of behavioral researchers within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Program Directors support investigators at domestic and international research institutions, and provide expert oversight and administration of extramural grant, cooperative agreement, and contract portfolios. HCIRB scientists also enjoy a great deal of collegiality with other members of NCI and NIH, and are encouraged to conduct original research to inform national priority setting; lead and participate in transdisciplinary collaborations; present their research and the NCI vision at professional conferences; and publish in professional journals.

This position provides a unique opportunity to participate in agenda-setting dialogues that will set the tone for behavioral research in cancer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Strategic goals include:

- Assembling an evidence base for the efficacy of mHealth behavioral interventions in cancer prevention;
- Improving patient-provider communication through remote telehealth devices;
- Exploring the potential for context-aware health applications; and
- Evaluating the utility of patient-generated health data collected through passive monitoring devices, ecological momentary assessments, or patient reported outcomes.

**Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, CV, and two representative publications immediately to Bradford Hesse, PhD, HCIRB Chief at [heseb@mail.nih.gov](mailto:heseb@mail.nih.gov).**

## POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

NCI is looking for a mid-career scientist with expertise in the area of health communication, medical informatics, computer science, health psychology, or relevant field. Experience with Small Business Innovation Research Grants or other commercial endeavors would be a plus. Qualified candidates should possess a PhD, ScD, MD, or equivalent with a proven track record in basic or translational research.

## 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 National Cancer Institute 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.



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