

## The Behavioral Research Program welcomes Letters of Interest for the position of Branch Chief of Health Communication and Informatics, NCI

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The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences welcomes letters of interest from senior scientists to serve as Chief of the Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB).

### ABOUT HCIRB

One of BRP's four extramural branches, HCIRB advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the cancer control continuum. For almost two decades, HCIRB has led the national research agenda in cancer communication during a time of extraordinary change in the health information environment. With exciting new developments in health policy and treatment discoveries on the horizon, the branch is poised to help accelerate progress in cancer control through advances in communication research.



NCI – Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland

HCIRB maintains a robust surveillance capacity through routine administration of the Health Information National Trends Survey ([HINTS](#)), and supports investigators at domestic and international research institutions with an innovative and diverse research portfolio (e.g., [selected investigator profiles](#)).

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The branch chief will lead a group of behavioral and social scientists, pre- and postdoctoral fellows, and administrative staff to develop innovative research initiatives and encourage development in broad scientific areas such as patient-provider communication, cancer risk communication, health literacy, social/new media, and connected health.

BRP supports and directs the development and growth of a comprehensive program in behavioral medicine with foci in basic behavioral research and the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions in areas such as tobacco use, screening, dietary behavior, and sun protection. The HCIRB chief will work collaboratively with the [Associate Director](#) and the rest of the program's leadership team to spearhead new initiatives and collaborations within the division, across NCI/NIH, throughout the federal government, and with key stakeholders at partner organizations.

Interested candidates are welcome to explore the program's [online staff directory](#) and contact any of our staff members to learn more about behavioral research at the National Cancer Institute.

BRP branch chiefs enjoy a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with opportunities to

- Manage and mentor engaged scientific and programmatic staff, fellows, and trainees;
- Develop research and funding priorities to cultivate a diverse portfolio of grant-supported research;
- Lead and participate in cross-disciplinary collaborations in public, private, and academic sectors;
- Develop national and international scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops);
- Conduct independent research, publish, and present at professional meetings; and
- Inform documents and reports to advance the public health agenda in cancer prevention and control.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidates should possess a PhD, ScD, MD or equivalent; hold an exceptional publication and funding trajectory; and maintain a proven track record in cancer communication research. Effective leadership experience with scientific expertise in health communication, medical informatics, computer science, health psychology, social science, or other relevant field is required.

### ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

The anticipated full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland, and will likely be classified as a GS15 on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov); excellent benefits will be provided. For more information about federal employment, see <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/>.

This announcement will be for a career position with the U.S. government and will require the applicant be a U.S. citizen. The position will be subject to a background investigation. Educational qualifications verified by official transcripts and submission of a Confidential Financial Disclosure OGE Form 450 will be 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 often only open for 5 - 10 days.

### LETTERS OF INTEREST

Please submit a letter of interest and CV by January 31, 2018, to [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov). For questions about the position, contact search committee chair [Dr. David Chambers](mailto:Dr.DavidChambers), Deputy Director for Implementation Science, at [DChamber@mail.nih.gov](mailto:DChamber@mail.nih.gov).



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