

Careers at NINDS

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) seeks bright, creative, and visionary scientists, engineers, and physicians.



Apply to join a highly interactive group of public servants with expertise in all areas of neuroscience to conceive and develop large-scale funding initiatives, organize workshops, and interact with leading neuroscientists.

How to find out about job opportunities

Subscribe to the NINDS Job Announcement listserv, where we will distribute upcoming application dates and links as they become available.

- Email listserv@list.nih.gov and include this language (*without quotes*) in the body of your email: "Subscribe NINDS-job-announcements *your name*"

Contact Dr. Ling Wong, Chief of Staff, Division of Neuroscience (ling.wong@nih.gov) with questions.

Visit the [Careers at NINDS page](#) for more information on current open opportunities.

Program Director

Direct research programs and perform a wide variety of activities related to overseeing large grant programs, including program planning and development, program management, solicitation, and evaluation. *Experience overseeing an independent research program or grant portfolio is highly recommended.*

- [Basic Neuroscience](#)
- [Frontotemporal dementia \(FTD\)](#)
- [Neural circuits](#)
- [Neuroethics](#)
- [Neurotechnology](#)
- [Pain](#)
- [Parkinson's disease](#)
- [Stroke and cerebrovascular biology](#)
- [Translational Devices](#)
- [Vascular contributions to cognitive impairment and dementia \(VCID\)](#)

Division of Clinical Research

Program Director

- Global Health and Health Disparities: contact Richard Benson
richard.benson@nih.gov

Division of Translational Research

Director

- [Biologics Therapeutic Development](#)
- [Senior Scientific Project Manager](#)
- [Biologics](#)
- [Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network \(BPN\)](#)

Helping to End Addiction Long-termSM (HEAL) Initiative

Program Director

- [Pain](#)
- [Senior Scientific Project Manager](#)
- [Pre-clinical screening platform for pain](#)
- [Pain therapeutic development program](#)

Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies[®] (BRAIN) Initiative

Chief

- [Bioinformatics and Data Integration](#)

Program Director

- [Neural circuits](#)
- [Neurotechnology](#)
- [Translational Devices](#)

Program Manager

Experience managing highly complex and cross-cutting projects is recommended.

Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (AD/ADRD)

Drive the development of [AD/ADRD](#) funding plans by managing the portfolio from application to award; manage and coordinate the triennial ADRD Summit meetings; lead workshops; and conduct analyses to track progress, facilitate outreach, optimize processes, and respond to inquiries.

Brain Tissue Repository

Oversee the [NeuroBioBank's](#) support of scientific programs that utilize its brain and tissue repositories, coordinate the development of data management systems, lead data harmonization, conduct analyses to optimize processes, and collaborate on outreach efforts.

Data Science

Serve as [subject matter expert](#) to NINDS staff and leadership regarding NIH-wide data science policies and the challenges they present, provide recommendations for advancing the NINDS mission through data science, and develop and implement methods to evaluate NINDS data science efforts.

Health Program Specialist

Support, plan, coordinate, and screen proposed research projects relevant to various subject-matter areas (summarized below); assist with the design and detailed analysis of scientific and/or administrative factors affecting research program priorities and performance; evaluate grants programs; and provide guidance to grantees on research objectives, requirements, and compliance.

Experience leading or working on multiple projects, teams and/or timelines is recommended.

- [Office of the Associate Director](#) – open science, data standards, and data management and sharing.
- [Neural Environment Cluster](#) – neuroimmunology, neurovirology, neural vascular biology, the blood brain barrier, stroke, multiple sclerosis, brain tumors, neuro-AIDS, neuroinfectious diseases, prion diseases, and CNS infections.
- [Neurodegeneration Cluster](#) – neuronal cell death, protein misfolding, aggregation, processing, mitochondrial pathologies, epidemiological studies, genetic studies, biomarker studies that facilitate understanding of and therapy development for neurodegeneration and neurodegenerative diseases, and Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) programs.

- [Neurogenetics Cluster](#) – genetics and genomics of normal neural development and neurological diseases; rare neurological, neurodevelopmental, metabolic, and neuromuscular disorders; gene expression, proteomics, and metabolomics; gene therapy and gene delivery; molecular basis of neurodevelopment; glia biology; and the Undiagnosed Diseases Network.
- [Neurotechnology & Integrated Systems Cluster](#) – BRAIN Initiative, development and dissemination of technologies for mapping brain circuits, monitoring and manipulating their activity, and understanding their contributions to complex behaviors.
- [Repair & Plasticity Cluster](#) – spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and associated research on the recovery of function; plasticity of the nervous system; neural circuits that underlie specific behaviors; repair of the nervous system in injury and disease; stem cell biology; neural prosthesis, neural engineering, and other means of repairing the nervous system due to injury or disease.

Additional [Health Program Specialist](#) vacancies are available in the:

- Division of Extramural Activities
- Division of Translational Research
- Division of Clinical Research

Health Science Policy Analyst

Assist in the planning, analyzing, and evaluating of Institute projects, and help communicate about these projects to internal and external stakeholders

- Data Modeling and Analysis Branch: contact Brian Haugen haugenb@mail.nih.gov
- Office of Science Policy & Planning (OSPP): contact Paul Scott scottp@ninds.nih.gov