



Division of Behavioral and Social Research

Chief, Individual Behavioral Processes Branch

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), Division of Behavioral and Social Research (BSR), seeks a senior behavioral or psychological scientist to serve as Chief of the Individual Behavioral Processes Branch (IBP) (<https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dbsr/individual-behavioral-processes-branch>). The Branch Chief will lead a talented group of professionals in fostering innovative grant-supported research and research training in basic and translational behavioral and biobehavioral science on life course development, adaptive aging, and Alzheimer's disease.

BSR offers a collegial environment with opportunities to develop research initiatives, cultivate a portfolio of grant-supported research, lead and participate in transdisciplinary research collaborations, and organize scientific programs (*e.g.*, symposia, special journal issues, conferences, and workshops).

Major Duties include:

- Supervising and providing scientific leadership to six professional staff members responsible for the development of cutting edge, aging-relevant research and training initiatives in the behavioral and psychological sciences.
- Evaluating progress, assessing scientific opportunities, and proposing future program emphases in support of the NIA mission. The IBP portfolio encompasses basic and translational research on behavior change and behavioral interventions, cognitive and emotional functioning, behavior genetics and sociogenomics, technology and human factors, family and interpersonal relationships, and integrative biobehavioral research on the pathways linking social and behavioral factors to health in mid-life and older age.
- Contributing to and leading trans-NIH initiatives in behavioral and biobehavioral sciences related to health.
- Communicating NIA program emphases to diverse audiences.
- Presenting and justifying funding plans to NIA leaders and the National Advisory Council on Aging.
- Identifying significant research findings and communicating results to NIA leadership and other audiences, both professional and public.
- Serving as Program Officer for a portfolio of research and research training grants in areas of particular interest and expertise.
- Serving as or supervising the NIA Project Scientist of major research initiatives supported by BSR, such as the Midlife in the United States Study and/or the Science of Behavior Change Coordinating Center.

Candidate Qualifications: The ideal candidate will possess a PhD, MD, or doctoral equivalent in behavioral or psychological sciences (*e.g.*, Psychology, Affective Neuroscience, Behavior Genetics, Life-Span Development, Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine, Behavioral Medicine) and demonstrate successful experience in research or research management. Candidates must be US citizens.

Salaries are competitive and commensurate with experience; excellent benefits are offered. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. The position will likely be posted at the GS-15 federal government salary grade, with an annual salary range of \$142,701 to \$170,800.

For more information: Interested parties should contact Lisbeth Nielsen (Lisbeth.Nielsen@nih.gov). This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy. A Global "Supervisory Health Scientist Administrator" job announcement will be posted on www.usajobs.gov on January 21, 2020. Applications must be submitted through that website by January 30, 2020, to be considered. *To be notified of the posting, please send a request to Lyn Neil (Lyn.Neil@nih.gov).* All inquiries will remain confidential.