Neural Mechanisms of Metabolic Control

Program Director
The Director of the Neural Mechanisms of Metabolic Control program in the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases of NIDDK (DDEMD) will work closely with the Division Director to enhance research activity by identifying opportunities for enabling basic and translational research investigating the role of the peripheral nervous system in the regulation of metabolic function and metabolic diseases of interest to DDEMD, specifically obesity and diabetes. The autonomic nervous system, composed of sympathetic and parasympathetic branches plays a critical role in the regulation of physiological responses required for maintaining metabolic homeostasis. Organ-specific neural fibers can have profound effects on regulating key metabolic processes such as gluconeogenesis, lipolysis and hormonal secretion. While new techniques in neuroscience and molecular genetics are revealing the specificity and diversity of neurons in the central nervous system, much remains unknown in the peripheral nervous system.

The Program Director for Neural Mechanisms of Metabolic Control should be familiar with the current state of science in this area to assess research needs and advance the field as it relates to metabolic disease. It is expected that this research portfolio will be focused on basic mechanisms, emerging technologies, new models, and network or other bioinformatics analyses needed to integrate contemporary approaches in histology, opto- and chemogenetics. The Program Director will be expected to identify emerging technologies, develop initiatives based on scientific priorities, advise potential applicants and administer grants and awards. The applicant must have a professional scientific degree (Ph.D. or M.D.), scientific management experience, and strong interpersonal and written communication skills.

Please prepare to apply to the upcoming job announcement for GS-12/13/14 HSA (Program Officer/Scientific Review Officer) through USAjobs.gov, open between September 21 through September 30, 2022.

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- GS-12/13/14 Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer/Scientist Review Officer)

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- GS-12/13/14 Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer/Scientific Review Officer)

The position is located in Bethesda, Maryland. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with experience of the applicant. However, workplace flexibility options are available at NIH.

For more information on the position, contact: niddkdemjobopenings@mail.nih.gov.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), NIH, and NIDDK are equal opportunity employers committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and the position is subject to a background check.

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