

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Vacancy Announcement

Precision Medicine Initiative® Cohort Program Director

With nation-wide responsibility for improving the health and well-being of all Americans, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) oversees the biomedical research programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and those of NIH's research Institutes and Centers (ICs). As the world's largest medical research facility, NIH consists of 27 ICs including the Clinical Center (an on-site research hospital).

POSITION: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, is seeking applications from exceptional candidates with a commitment to scientific excellence and the energy, enthusiasm, and innovative thinking necessary to lead within a dynamic and diverse organization for the important position of the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) Cohort Program Director. This position offers a unique and exciting opportunity to lead an innovative and new trans-NIH program emerging from the President's Precision Medicine Initiative. This high-visibility initiative will result in the establishment of the nation's premier research cohort of one million or more Americans of all life stages, health statuses, races/ethnicities, and geographic regions. The PMI cohort will provide a transformational research platform integrating clinical, genetic, behavioral, and environmental data acquired from direct volunteers and healthcare provider organizations in order to study the sources of health and disease, leading to the development of innovative preventions and treatments to foundational health challenges.

The PMI Cohort Program Director assists the NIH Director in fulfilling the mission of the agency by leading the development, implementation, evaluation, and maintenance of the PMI Cohort Program. Incumbent has the primary duty of directing the complex and highly varied activities related to all aspects of the PMI Cohort Program. The incumbent plays a central role in building the capacity, credibility, and international reputation of a national research treasure, the PMI Cohort Program, and holds the responsibility for advancing the scientific vision and ensuring the highest standards for science conducted in the PMI cohort. The incumbent is responsible for making all final decisions on the PMI cohort, taking into account the advice and inputs of its advisory committees, and with the concurrence of the NIH Director. The PMI Cohort Program is described in the PMI Working Group report which may be accessed at: <https://www.nih.gov/sites/default/files/research-training/initiatives/pmi/pmi-working-group-report-20150917-2.pdf>

LOCATION: Bethesda, MD (NIH Main Campus)

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must possess a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent experience in a field of health science plus senior-level scientific experience and knowledge of research programs in one or more areas related to precision medicine. The incumbent must demonstrate interdisciplinary scientific expertise, strong management skills, exceptional talents and experience in the promotion of effective collaboration with multiple stakeholders (including research participants and their representatives). The incumbent should have a demonstrated track record of accomplishment and vision within one or more key areas related to the PMI Cohort Program, with success in tackling large-scale problems using new and innovative approaches. Mastery of the principles, concepts, methods, and techniques of one or more key research fields related to precision medicine is required. The incumbent should be well known and well respected nationally for the innovations created by his or her work and expertise.

The incumbent must possess a unique competence for this position, combining the knowledge of biomedical, behavioral, and environmental research with health information technology and participant engagement. The

incumbent must be able to deploy this broad and cross-cutting knowledge to ensure that the PMI cohort fulfills its role to generate critical knowledge to advance American health. Candidates should have demonstrated management acumen, including identification and management of financial and human resource needs; proven ability to make complex and strategic decisions to optimize resource usage, mitigate risks, and achieve desired results; and, the ability to build, mentor, motivate, and maintain a culturally diverse staff.

SALARY/BENEFITS: The PMI Cohort Program Director will be appointed at a salary commensurate with his/her experience and accomplishments. Full Federal benefits will be provided, including vacation, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement, and savings plan (401k equivalent).

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a current CV and bibliography electronically to Mr. William Hennings at SeniorRe@od.nih.gov (301-402-7227). ***In addition***, applicants must also submit a supplemental narrative statement that addresses the qualifications requirements (not to exceed a total of two pages), a vision statement (not to exceed a total of two pages), and provide the names, titles, email addresses, and telephone numbers of 4-5 references.

FOREIGN EDUCATION: Applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the U.S. must have their foreign education evaluated by an accredited organization to ensure that the foreign education is equivalent to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States. We will only accept the completed foreign education evaluation. For more information on foreign education verification, visit the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) website. Verification must be received prior to the effective date of the appointment.

Information about the [National Institutes of Health](#) is located at its website.

The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

Standards of Conduct/Financial Disclosure: The National Institutes of Health inspires public confidence in our science by maintaining high ethical principles. NIH employees are subject to Federal government-wide regulations and statutes as well as agency-specific regulations described at the [NIH Ethics website](#). We encourage you to review this information. The position requires the incumbent to complete a public financial disclosure report prior to the effective date of the appointment.

Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Reasonable Accommodation: NIH provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET, December 24, 2015.

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