

**Associate Director for Scientific Strategy, Innovation, and Management  
National Institute on Aging  
National Institutes of Health  
Department of Health and Human Services**

**The Person:** The National Institute on Aging (NIA), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is seeking exceptional candidates for the Associate Director for Scientific Strategy, Innovation, and Management, Office of the Director. The role of the Associate Director is categorized into four primary functional areas: scientific strategic planning; science management; science innovation; and inter-agency collaboration and liaison. The ideal candidate will have considerable expertise in aging research, science policy, clinical research management and evaluation. The position requires superior executive leadership and communication skills to effectively brief NIA, NIH, HHS, and Congressional staff on high-level research accomplishments in both Alzheimer's Disease/ Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) as well as aging research in general, including gaps in scientific knowledge and access to needed services. In addition, candidates should possess recognized research management and leadership abilities. This position will report to the Director, NIA and may also coordinate activities across NIH and among other federal agencies.

**The Challenge:** The Associate Director will serve as a senior level leader on behalf of the NIA Director, the NIH Director, and the HHS Secretary in trans-NIH, HHS, and other Federal governmental scientific task forces, meetings, and working groups. These efforts include: fostering and coordinating biomedical research that is focused on identifying risk factors, developing treatments and interventions, analyzing services, and data collection; utilizing global networks to communicate and disseminate the Institute's mission and objectives, as well as monitoring future deliverables such as experimental standards, ethical guidelines, training mechanisms, data-sharing platforms, and neurotechnologies. The Associate Director will be expected to undertake research planning and coordination efforts in a manner that fosters cohesive, exemplary performance, and maintain effective collaborations between Federal departments and agencies. Assignments deal with highly complex and unique aging related issues requiring an expert knowledge of the theory and methodology of AD/ADRD research, and a strong understanding of the underlying issues and sensitivity to the political and programmatic implications involved. Issues encountered are often characterized by unusual demands due to complex and unresolved issues, extraordinary public interest and consideration, resource management, broad organizational and political consequences, limited public understanding of the aging and AD/ADRD, and extensive interrelationships with other NIA, NIH, and HHS programs, other NIH Institutes and Centers, and other Federal departments and agencies. Information about the NIA is available at: [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov).

**Position Requirements:** Candidates must have an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a field relevant to one or more scientific areas of aging research. This position will be filled under a Title 42(f) excepted service appointment.

**Salary/Benefits:** Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A recruitment or relocation bonus may be available, and relocation expenses may be paid. A full package of federal Civil Service benefits is available, including: retirement, health and life insurance, long term care insurance, leave, and a Thrift Savings Plan (401K equivalent). The successful candidate is subject to a background investigation and public financial disclosure requirements.

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae, bibliography, and full contact details for three references. In addition, applicants are asked to prepare two statements: a vision statement and a statement that addresses the specific qualification requirements (please limit both statements to two pages each). Send application package to [NIAJobs@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NIAJobs@mail.nih.gov).

NIA will begin accepting applications on January 26, 2022 and plans to have the position open for 60 days.

You may contact Jessica Moreno with questions and for more information about this vacancy at [morenojs@mail.nih.gov](mailto:morenojs@mail.nih.gov) or 301-402-7719.

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