

National Institute on Drug Abuse Scientific Director Intramural Research Program

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Scientific Director, Intramural Research Program (IRP). The Scientific Director, IRP will lead and manage a vibrant basic, behavioral and clinical research program with a budget of approximately \$96 million and a staff of nearly 400 employees, contractors, and fellows, including 26 independent principal investigators and approximately 80 pre/post-doctoral and visiting fellows (<https://irp.drugabuse.gov/>).

With input from the NIDA Director, as well as from a Board of Scientific Counselors, an external advisory group that undertakes rigorous reviews of the NIDA IRP scientists and their research programs, the Scientific Director is responsible for developing and implementing an overall vision for the IRP that is consistent with the mission and strategic objectives of NIDA. This effort includes the recruitment of new faculty, managing the NIDA IRP's scientific resources (including a vivarium and 4 shared core facilities) as well as building trans-NIH scientific collaborations and participating in trans-NIH research initiatives. Applicants should be able to facilitate translation of basic science of addiction into clinically useful treatments and should be able to facilitate initiatives that bring together intra- and extramural investigators and infrastructure both within and outside of NIH.

LOCATION: Baltimore, MD

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree, or an equivalent doctoral degree, in the biomedical sciences and have senior-level research experience and outstanding scientific knowledge of Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and addiction research programs in one or more specific areas related to medications discovery, clinical care and services, neurobiology, behavioral neuroscience, neuroimaging, and molecular and cellular research. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership; using innovative approaches to develop scientific programs; planning, program assessment, and analysis of program objectives; resolution of operational problems and issues; and the ability to manage financial and human resources including building, motivating, and maintaining a diverse staff and serving as a spokesperson. Applicants should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as distinguished individuals of outstanding scientific competence. Support and resources are also available to allow the Scientific Director to lead his/her own research program.

SALARY/BENEFITS: The NIDA Scientific Director will be appointed at a salary commensurate with his/her qualifications and experience. A full package of federal employee benefits is available including retirement, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, leave and savings plans (401K equivalent and Roth IRA options).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: 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. 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 is subject to a background investigation and requires the incumbent to complete a public financial disclosure report prior to the effective date of the appointment.

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 U.S. **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.

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.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a cover letter, CV, bibliography, and a list of five individuals (including contact information) who can serve as references. Please include in your cover letter a statement of interest, brief description of research and administrative experience, and a description of your mentoring and outreach activities, especially those involving women and persons from racial/ethnic or other groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research. Applicants should send these materials to NIDASDSearch@nida.nih.gov. For further information about the position, please contact the search committee chair: Susan Amara, Ph.D. by e-mail: susan.amara@nih.gov or phone: 301-496-3501. All information provided by applicants will remain confidential and will not be released outside the NIDA search process without a signed release from candidates.

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR BIRTH DATE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) ON APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please submit applications by March 6, 2020 (submission date may be extended).

HHS AND NIH ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS

We are dedicated to building a diverse community in our training and employment programs.

