

STAFF CLINICIAN POSITION IN CLINICAL RESEARCH BRANCH
Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Division of Intramural Research
Clinical Research Branch
Research Triangle Park, NC

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services, is inviting applications for a Staff Clinician in the Clinical Research Branch (CRB), Division of Intramural Research (DIR) at the NIEHS campus in Research Triangle Park, NC to serve as Medical Director of the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) and Director of Clinical Operations for the NIEHS Personalized Environment and Genes Study (PEGS). The NIH formalized the concept of Staff Clinician as an intramural research appointment in 1993 reflecting the importance of multidisciplinary research teams. NIH Staff Clinicians possess highly specialized and superb clinical and clinical research skills and expertise and perform critical functions as key members of a research team whose project goals are defined by a Principal Investigator. Staff Clinicians may also be approved for appointment as Assistant or Associate Research Physician which meet similar requirement for Assistant or Associate Professor at academic institutions. Senior Research Physicians would be equivalent to Professor in a Clinical Tract at academic institutions.

The CRU is a fully staffed, stand-alone facility that sees over 1,000 research participants a year. As Medical Director of the CRU, the successful candidate will collaborate with a strong cadre of basic researchers to develop and implement translational research at the NIEHS CRU, serving as the protocol's Principal Investigator as needed; will advise and assist clinical researchers in the development and performance of their research protocols; will direct the NIEHS CRU core staff (including nursing, respiratory therapy, phlebotomy, front office, laboratory, data management and research assistant staff); and will assist the NIEHS Clinical Director in developing and implementing plans for programmatic growth of the NIEHS CRU. Active CRU-based studies are shown at: <https://joinastudy.niehs.nih.gov/>.

The incumbent will also serve as Director of Clinical Operations for the Personalized Environment and Genes Study (PEGS). PEGS is a large cohort of over 19,000 participants, initiated in 2002 to study interaction between genes, the environment and health. PEGS offers outstanding research opportunities to intramural scientists and extramural collaborators interested in personalized environmental medicine. The position involves oversight of all study participant-facing activities including recruitment, annual re-contact, recall for additional studies, regular communication with participants and human studies regulatory activities in addition to overseeing relevant CRU-based studies and interfacing with academic health care systems. Information on PEGS, formerly known as the 'EPR,' can be found at: <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/clinical/studies/pegs/index.cfm>. It is expected that the successful candidate will be able to collaborate broadly on projects utilizing the CRU and/or the PEGS cohort.

The successful candidate will require evidence of strong leadership skills and significant experience in patient-oriented research, defined as research that requires direct interaction with human subjects. The individual will have a track record of national presentations and publications in respected journals in their field. Research areas may include understanding the mechanisms of human disease, genotype-phenotype studies, therapeutic interventions, and/or clinical trials.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants should have an M.D. or equivalent doctoral degree. The individual must possess a current, active, full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States and be eligible to be credentialed for patient care by the NIH Clinical Center. A minimum of two-years of experience and/or training in Clinical Research is required. Additional training and Board Eligibility/Board Certification in a subspecialty of Internal Medicine or Pediatrics is preferred, but not required. The person selected for this position will need to have experience working in and managing teams and experience with mentoring in clinical and research settings.

Salary/Benefits: This is a federal full-time equivalent position, and a comprehensive benefits package is available. Salary will be commensurate with experience, qualifications, and accomplishments. This Staff Clinician position is a time-limited (4-year), renewable position to support the project goals of the Clinical Research Branch and Clinical Director.

How to apply: Interested candidates must **submit materials as one combined PDF** via email to Bonnie J. Earnhardt at int-appls@niehs.nih.gov **no later than June 16, 2023**. **All emails should include vacancy number NR1477** in the subject line. **A complete application includes:**

- **Cover Letter**
- **Full Curriculum Vitae with Bibliography.** Please include a description of mentoring and outreach activities, especially activities with women or other underrepresented groups.
- **Clinical and Research Statement.** Include a 2-3 page description of your past accomplishments and your future research and clinical goals.
- **Diversity Statement.** Include a description of your mentoring and outreach activities, especially those involving women and person from racial/ethnic or other groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research, and your commitment to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. This should be a minimum of one-half page.

In addition, you must also arrange for three letters of reference to be sent directly to int-appls@niehs.nih.gov. Referees should include the applicant's name and vacancy number NR1477 in the email subject line.

Incomplete applications or paper applications will not be accepted.

For further information about the position, please contact Dr. Janet Hall at janet.hall@nih.gov. **Review of applications will begin on June 19, 2023** . The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Commitment to Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity: The NIH NIEHS encourages the application and nomination of traditionally underrepresented groups in the sciences, including

women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factors. NIH NIEHS will provide reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities as appropriate. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us.

Foreign Education: Applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the United States must provide an evaluation by an accredited organization to ensure its equivalence to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States. For more information on foreign education verification, visit the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) website at <http://www.naces.org/>. 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.

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