Deputy Director, Division of Clinical Innovation

National Institutes of Health
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
Division of Clinical Innovation
Bethesda, Maryland

Description
The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), seeks applications from outstanding candidates to be deputy director of the center’s Division of Clinical Innovation (DCI). DCI manages the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs) Program. The CTSA Program supports a national network of medical institutions that helps turn research discoveries into improved health care more quickly. The Program provides resources for local and national research communities to improve the quality and efficiency of all phases of translational research. It also supports investigators’ career development.

Core Responsibilities
The DCI deputy director will:

1. Oversee the activities of the Office for Planning, Evaluation, Analysis and Reporting (OPEAR). OPEAR coordinates submitted grant applications, budgets and communications for DCI.
2. Support the DCI director in guiding the CTSA Program.
3. Establish a vision of innovation and national leadership, with a broad charge to improve the implementation of all aspects of human subject studies.
4. Create, test and implement improvements to the CTSA Program and related NCATS activities.
5. Help the DCI director provide leadership and stewardship of NCATS’ investments that bring innovation to clinical research.
6. Advise NCATS senior leadership, including the director, on strategic program goals and activities. Recommend operational and administrative processes to improve overall efficiency.
7. Bring broad scientific knowledge and vision to set priorities for DCI. Clearly convey that vision to NIH and NCATS leadership.

Qualifications
The ideal candidate should have a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent). Senior-level research experience or knowledge of research programs is also needed. This experience should include moving research from the laboratory to preclinical development and clinical trials and showing public health benefit.

The selected candidate will:

- Have excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Be a recognized and respected leader in the field.
- Have a visionary, forward-thinking mindset.
- Demonstrate strategic thinking.
- Work collaboratively.
- Consult with others to solve problems and make decisions.

The application should detail employment and research experience.

Salary/Benefits
The salary will be based on qualifications, experience and accomplishments. A full civil service benefits package is available. It includes retirement; health, life and long-term care insurance; and participation in a Thrift Savings Plan (401[k] equivalent).
How to Apply
Please submit a cover letter describing your interest in the position to NCATSSeniorRecruit@mail.nih.gov. Attach a current curriculum vitae with a complete bibliography and provide contact information for three references. Please submit questions about this position to Josh Fessel, M.D., Ph.D., at josh.fessel@nih.gov.

This position will be filled under a Title 42(f) appointment. Application packages will only be accepted electronically and must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 31, 2024.

Application reviews will begin promptly and continue until the position is filled.

Additional Information
A preappointment process (e.g., background investigation, verification of qualifications and job requirements, completion of onboarding forms, and submission of required documents) may determine employment after an offer has been made and accepted.

At your supervisor’s discretion, you may be eligible for workplace flexibilities, which may include remote work or telework options and/or flexible work scheduling. These flexibilities may be requested in accordance with the NIH Workplace Flexibilities policy.

NIH inspires public confidence in our science by maintaining high ethical principles. Our employees are subject to federal government-wide regulations and statutes and to the specific regulations described on the NIH Ethics Program website.

All information provided by candidates will remain confidential and will not be released outside the NCATS search process without a signed release from candidates. NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and NIH are Equal Opportunity Employers.

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