

**National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke (NINDS)
Office of Translational Research (OTR)**

**Position Announcement
Program Director, Cooperative Program in Translational Research**

The NINDS Office of Translational Research¹ manages a large portfolio of grant-funded projects and R&D support resources to facilitate the preclinical discovery and development of therapeutics and devices for neurological disorders. In addition to therapeutic development, these programs include drug target validation, the development of assays and animal disease models, and pre-IND and pre-IDE enabling studies.

OTR is seeking a visionary, collaborative, entrepreneurial scientist or clinician for the position of the Program Director, Cooperative Program in Translational Research². Reporting to the Director of OTR, the incumbent will oversee a team and be responsible for all aspects of this program, including:

- Devise and implement innovative translational research strategies to advance therapeutics and devices, for neurological indications, into the clinic.
- Oversee establishment and review of yearly project milestones.
- Conduct outreach to attract the best applications to the program.
- Work with disease experts to oversee projects conducted by investigators.
- Effect improvements to existing processes.
- Support effective partnering to industry of projects developed using NINDS funding

Qualifications and Experience required:

- Advanced scientific degree (MD or PhD) in neuroscience, neurology, psychiatry, pharmacology; and/or drug development sciences such as medicinal chemistry, DMPK, or toxicology.
- 7+ years of experience developing therapeutics or devices for the treatment of neurological, neuroinflammatory, or psychiatric diseases that have successfully advanced to early testing in humans.
- Successful track record leading projects through many of the stages of preclinical small molecule and biologic therapeutic development of pharmaceuticals and devices. Experience in device development is a plus.
- Ability to work effectively within teams in a matrix organization to manage the complex processes of review, planning, implementation of projects.
- 3+ years experience in research program budget management and project leadership.
- Excellent communication skills and proven ability to interact effectively with senior management.
- Provide guidance and mentorship to NINDS program staff on translational research best practices with a strong commitment to supporting their job satisfaction and professional development.

To be considered for this exciting and impactful role, please contact Dr. Eric Nelson (eric.nelson2@nih.gov) in OTR for more information.

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¹http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/areas/translational_research/index.htm

²<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-294.html>