

Director

NIH Inducible Pluripotent Stem Cell Center

(deadline: June 1*)

The NIH invites applications from outstanding candidates to establish and direct an Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC) Center in its Intramural Research Program. This new Center will be administered by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. The successful candidate will hold a doctoral degree in a relevant field and be a recognized leader in the field of stem cell biology. S/he must have a strong track record in generating iPSCs and investigating their biology and potential therapeutic uses. The Director will lead the newly established iPSC Center, the mission of which is to bring this exciting new technology to clinical reality within the NIH Intramural Research Program and the NIH Clinical Center. The Director will be expected to create a world-class research group that will catalyze new approaches and uses of iPSCs and differentiated cells derived from them, and/or cells trans-differentiated from somatic cells for the entire biomedical research community. The Center will collaborate with researchers to apply iPSC technologies to support their research endeavors, with a focus on the generation of clinical applications for iPSCs and/or trans-differentiated cells, and derivation of new disease-specific cell lines. The iPSC Center will promote the use of this technology and provide researchers with training to facilitate clinical development of iPSCs. The ideal candidate will be highly interactive and collaborative, and will actively engage members of the NIH intramural and the extramural research communities to identify and develop projects that have the prospect of moving to clinical trials within the NIH Clinical Center. The Director will have the opportunity to partner with the NIH Chemical Genomics Center to utilize small molecules and siRNA technologies to optimize the generation and differentiation of iPS cells. The Director will also be provided resources to direct an intramural laboratory to develop a vibrant research program in the area of stem cell biology and its clinical applications.

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