

## Neuroscientist, Scientific Director

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (deadline: June 27)

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, seeks an accomplished, innovative neuroscientist to serve as Scientific Director of its Division of Intramural Research (DIR). The Scientific Director will build and lead a vibrant research program focused on the mechanisms and management of pain. This Scientific Director reports to the Director, NCCAM, and will also serve as a member of the NCCAM senior leadership team.

The Scientific Director will develop an overall vision for, and implement a research program focused on increasing understanding of the mechanisms of pain and its central modulation, with the long term goal of strengthening clinical management of chronic pain through the integration of pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches. Topics of special interest include pathways and mechanisms by which emotion, attention, and other processes modulate pain or pain processing, and mechanisms of the placebo effect. The research program will be highly collaborative with, and leverage the basic and clinical research talent and resources of other ongoing neuroscience and imaging programs of the larger NIH intramural research community.

This exceptional opportunity is available to an accomplished neuroscientist who has a demonstrated track record of internationally recognized research on pain, a commitment to both basic and clinical research, and the leadership and management skills to build and sustain vibrant, collaborative team efforts with colleagues within intramural programs across the NIH.

Applicants must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in the biomedical sciences, and have professional experience reflecting a broad scientific background and experience in basic and/or clinical neuroscience research. Applicants should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as distinguished individuals of outstanding scientific accomplishment.

Salary is commensurate with experience and a full package of Civil Service benefits is available including retirement, health and life insurance, long term care insurance, leave and savings plan (401 K equivalent).

Application Process: Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of research and administrative experience, CV, bibliography, and a list of up to five individuals who can serve as references to: Ms. Belinda Davis at [nccamsrecruits@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nccamsrecruits@mail.nih.gov). Email receipt of applications and inquiries is preferred; however, candidates needing reasonable accommodation may fax application materials to 301-402-4741.

Applications will be reviewed starting June 27, 2011, and will be accepted until the position is filled. All information provided by applicants will remain confidential and will not be released outside the NCCAM search process without a signed release from the applicant. The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. NIH and DHHS are Equal Opportunity Employers.