

Director, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Program National Institute on Drug Abuse Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health (NIH)



The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking a senior-level scientist with expertise in bioinformatics and information technology who will bring significant experience to operate in an intellectually challenging Federal biomedical research institution engaged in a national research program to understand the biomedical and social causes and consequences of drug addiction throughout the world.

This is a new position that offers a unique and challenging opportunity for the right individual to work directly with the NIDA Director to create and establish a major new program in computational biology and bioinformatics. The successful candidate will provide scientific and executive-level management, leadership, and direction for the program; oversee efforts to coordinate and integrate large-scale existing and to-be-developed data systems in therapeutics, pharmacology, genetics, and health services; and mine and analyze data across studies and disciplines, allowing meaningful new hypotheses, research directions, and well-founded conclusions to be derived. These would involve not only application of standard techniques, but also the development and validation of new and innovative approaches. The candidate will work with scientists and bioinformatics experts at NIH as well as in the academic community and in industry.

The successful candidate will possess an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree and have scientific credentials and research-oriented experience related to biomedical informatics, computational biology, and/or information technology. In addition, the candidate will have sufficient education and experience to ensure success in managing a professional and technical staff engaged in providing highly technical and complex informatics support to inhouse and NIDA-funded university-based biomedical and clinical programs. Extensive experience in information technology management, encompassing strategic planning, technical project management and process transformation, is highly desirable. The candidate also must possess strong leadership qualities and exceptional interpersonal skills.

Application Process: Salary is commensurate with experience; a full package of Federal Government benefits is available, including retirement, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, leave and retirement savings plan (401K equivalent). Send your application package, including: CV, bibliography, and two letters of recommendation to the National Institutes of Health; Attn: Stephanie Jones, Office of Human Resources; 2115 East Jefferson St., Room 2D-204, Rockville, Maryland 20853; or e-mail jones 20-541-7913. For further information on the position, please contact the search committee chair: Barry Hoffer, M.D., by e-mail: bhoffer@intra.nida.nih.gov, or phone: 443-740-2463. Your application package must be received by September 15, 2008. All information provided by applicants will remain confidential and will not be released outside the NIDA search process without a signed release from candidates.

NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

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