



Physical Activity Researcher, Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods Branch, Applied Research Program

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is conducting a national search for a Physical Activity Researcher in the Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods Branch (RFMMB) within the Applied Research Program (ARP). The mission of the RFMMB is to contribute to reducing cancer in the US population by serving as a critical link between etiologic research on cancer risk factors and the translation of such research into targeted and effective interventions for prevention. This mission is carried out through work in three areas—monitoring cancer-related behaviors and other risk factors among the general population and among selected population subgroups; developing and improving the methods of assessing such factors; and providing data to assist in formulating public policies addressing these factors.

Research supported within the RFMMB addresses numerous established risk factors, including diet, smoking, weight status, physical activity, molecular epidemiology and genetics. Because physical activity and body weight are major areas of potential impact in the control of cancer, the development of sound and cost-efficient methods of assessment and modification of these risk factors, and understanding the potential interaction between them, are program areas of importance to the mission of the Branch. To obtain more information on the activities of RFMMB, visit <http://riskfactor.cancer.gov/>.

The incumbent provides authoritative direction and leadership in planning, guiding, and encouraging a program of research to evaluate and improve the use of measures of physical activity and body weight status, applied surveillance research and epidemiologic research for assessing the relationship between physical activity, body weight status, and other relevant exposures and cancer. The incumbent is responsible for adapting techniques for particular situations and assessing the application of various measures of exposure to applied surveillance, epidemiological, and behavioral studies from a national, regional and local perspective. Specific projects will depend upon the background, experience, and research interests of the incumbent. The duties of the incumbent include grants and contracts management and research activities that include the development of research protocols, design and development of surveys and questionnaires, development of methods for data collection, building and managing analytical data bases, and descriptive and multivariate statistical analysis of data.

This challenging and highly visible role requires broad scientific expertise, a passion for public service, a commitment to collaboration, and an ability to develop effective strategies for overcoming barriers to scientific progress and its application. The successful applicant will be an experienced scientist (Ph.D. or equivalent-level training required) with leadership experience, excellent communication skills and a strong record of peer-reviewed publications. Expertise and experience is required in the conceptual basis, methodology and application of physical activity measures. The incumbent should have advanced training in physical activity assessment and exercise sciences, and experience in applying these research methods to the fields of surveillance, epidemiology, and behavior research.

This position is a career position with the U.S. government and requires that the applicant is a citizen of the U.S. The salary range for this position will be negotiable but is anticipated to be at the level of GS 13/14. Letters of interest and vitae may be submitted immediately to Dr. Susan Krebs-Smith, PhD, Chief, RFMMB, ARP, DCCPS, 6130 Executive Blvd, Room 4005, Bethesda, MD 20892-7344, krebsms@mail.nih.gov, or by fax (301) 435-3710.

Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for non-merit reasons such as race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability.



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