



Chief, Population and Social Processes Branch

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), Division of Behavioral and Social Research (BSR), seeks a senior population or social scientist to serve as Chief of the Population and Social Processes Branch (<http://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dbsr/population-and-social-processes-bsp>). The Branch Chief will lead a talented group of professionals and foster innovative grant-supported research and research training.

BSR fosters a collegial environment with opportunities to develop research initiatives; cultivate a portfolio of grant-supported research; and lead and participate in transdisciplinary research collaborations; and organize scientific programs (*e.g.*, symposia, special journal issues, conferences, and workshops).

Major Duties include:

- Supervising and providing scientific leadership to four professional staff members managing BSR's research and research training grants in the population and social sciences;
- Evaluating progress, assessing scientific opportunities, and proposing future program emphases in support of the NIA mission. The branch portfolio encompasses research in population and social sciences on aging, with particular growth in recent years in research on dementia and dementia care.
- Contributing to and leading trans-NIH initiatives in population and social sciences related to health.
- Communicating NIA program emphases to diverse audiences;
- Presenting and justifying funding plans to NIA leaders and the National Advisory Council on Aging;
- Identifying significant research findings and communicating results to NIA leadership and other audiences, both professional and public;
- Serving as Program Officer for a portfolio of research and research training grants in areas of particular interest and expertise;
- Serving as or supervising the NIA Project Scientist of major longitudinal data resources supported by BSR, such as the Health and Retirement Study or the National Health and Aging Trends Study.

Candidate Qualifications: The ideal candidate will possess a PhD, MD, or doctoral equivalent in social or population science (*e.g.*, Demography, Economics, Social Epidemiology, Health Policy, Public Policy, Sociology...) and demonstrate successful experience in research or research management. Candidates must be US citizens.

Salaries are competitive and commensurate with experience; excellent benefits are offered. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. The position will likely be posted at the GS-15 federal government salary grade, with an annual salary range of \$134,789 to \$164,200.

For more information: Interested parties should contact John Haaga (John.Haaga@nih.gov). This is a pre-announcement of the vacancy which will be posted on www.usajobs.gov, and applications must be submitted through that website to be considered. All inquiries will remain confidential.