

# The Behavioral Research Program welcomes Letters of Interest for a scientific position in Health Communication Research

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The Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) welcomes letters of interest from researchers with training and experience in health communication or related fields to serve within the [Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch \(HCIRB\)](#).

## About HCIRB

One of BRP's four extramural branches, HCIRB advances research on the processes and effects of communication and informatics across the [cancer control continuum](#), with emphasis in patient-centered communication, the impact of technology on health communication, equity in communication, and the acceleration and translation of health communication research into public health and clinical practice. The branch also maintains a robust surveillance capacity through routine administration of the Health Information National Trends Survey ([HINTS](#)).



NCI – Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland

The HCIRB grant portfolio includes a wide range of innovative and diverse research from investigators at domestic and international research institutions (e.g., [selected investigator profiles](#)). Scientific priority areas include digital health, the evolving health communication ecosystem, social media and health, health misinformation, multilevel health communication interventions, and community engagement. Additional communication research priorities are outlined on the [HCIRB website](#). HCIRB also has a leadership role in the [Advancing Health Communication Science and Practice Common Fund](#) program, an initiative spanning the National Institutes of Health that seeks to investigate, develop, test, and share new approaches for effective and equitable health communication.

## Letters of Interest

Please submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two scientific publications to [ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncidccpsbrpadvances@mail.nih.gov) by February 28, 2023. Use email subject line "HCIRB Letter 2023."

For questions about the position, contact HCIRB Branch Chief [Robin Vanderpool](#).

## Position Description

BRP scientific staff are part of a scientifically energizing and collegial environment with ample opportunities to:

- manage a portfolio of extramural research in behavioral and communication science;
- develop funding priorities to cultivate a diverse portfolio of NCI- and NIH-supported research;
- lead and participate in cross-disciplinary collaborations in public, private, and academic sectors;
- develop national and international scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues, conferences, workshops);
- conduct independent research, publish, and present at professional meetings;
- contribute to federal government initiatives that advance a health communication and informatics research agenda; and
- mentor scientific fellows and trainees.

## Qualifications

An educational degree in health communication, public health, behavioral science, or related fields and experience in health communication and informatics research may be required.

Individuals with experience in any relevant area of health communication and informatics research are welcomed, especially those with scientific expertise in digital health research, social media research, science communication, cancer survivorship, and genetics communication. Interest from individuals with experience in mixed methods research, measurement, and multilevel interventions are also encouraged. Excellent speaking and writing abilities are required, including a track record of publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

DCCPS is deeply committed to building a diverse health sciences workforce that maintains, fosters, and promotes an equitable, inclusive, accessible, and nurturing work environment. Diverse teams foster scientific innovation, improve the quality of research, contribute their lived experiences to a robust learning environment, advance the likelihood that underserved or health disparity populations participate in and benefit from health research, and enhance public trust. To that end, DCCPS is seeking a dynamic candidate to serve as a highly valued member of HCIRB and contribute to the larger field of cancer prevention and control.

Interested researchers are encouraged to explore the BRP and HCIRB [online staff directories](#) and contact any of our staff members to learn more about behavioral and communication research at NCI.



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