The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director, Division of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry (PPBC). Information about PPBC is available at http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about/overview/pages/ppbc.aspx. PPBC has supported many research findings that have led to improving the molecular-level understanding of fundamental biological processes and discovering approaches to their control. In FY 2015, the Division of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry had an annual budget of about $405 million and is one of five scientific divisions within the NIGMS. PPBC is organized into two branches, and has 11 scientific staff members who serve as program officers. One branch is focused on the development of biological catalysts, including living organisms, for the production of useful chemical compounds, medicinal or diagnostic agents or probes of biological phenomena and the other branch is focused on understanding the total body response to injury, including biochemical and physiological changes induced by trauma, as well as the effects of drugs on the body, the body’s effects on drugs and how the effects of drugs vary from individual to individual. The division director reports to the NIGMS director and is a member of the NIGMS senior leadership team, which helps set policies and priorities for the Institute.

Research supported by PPBC takes a multifaceted approach to problems in pharmacology, physiology, biochemistry and biorelated chemistry that are very basic in nature or have implications for more than one disease category. The Director of PPBC plans and directs a program of research grants and contracts, analyzes national research efforts on molecular-level understanding of fundamental biological processes, drug action and mechanisms of anesthesia, new methods and targets for drug discovery, advances in natural products synthesis, biological catalysis, clinical pharmacology and trauma and burn injury. He/she makes recommendations to assist the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council or other advisory committees or groups, identifying the need for research in the areas of pharmacology, physiology, biochemistry and biorelated chemistry, and advises universities, other centers of medical research and professional and lay organizations about research needs and requirements.

This position offers important opportunities to set scientific priorities, lead change and improve the research enterprise.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a field relevant to the position. The ideal candidate will have considerable research experience and will possess a broad spectrum of scientific knowledge related to the NIGMS mission. In addition, candidates should possess recognized research management and leadership abilities. A strong understanding of pharmacology, physiology, biochemistry and chemistry that deepens the understanding of biology is desired. The position will be filled under a Title 42 (f) excepted service appointment.

**Salary/Benefits:** Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A recruitment or relocation bonus may be available, and relocation expenses may be paid. A full package of Federal Civil Service benefits is available, including: retirement, health and life insurance, long term care insurance, leave, and a Thrift Savings Plan (401K equivalent). The successful candidate is subject to a background investigation and financial disclosure requirements.

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae, bibliography, copy of degree, and full contact details for three references. In addition, applicants are asked to prepare two statements: a vision statement and a statement that addresses the specific qualification requirements (please limit the statements to two pages each). NIGMS will be accepting applications from September 8, 2015, and plans to have the position open for at least 45 days, but the application process will not close until a candidate has been selected. Please send your application package to PPBCDirectorApplicants@nigms.nih.gov. You may contact Linda Sarden with questions about this vacancy lsarden@mail.nih.gov or (301) 594-0534.

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