Department of Health and Human Services  
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Clinical Center

Chief, Department of Transfusion Medicine and Center for Cellular Engineering

Are you interested in a truly unique opportunity to serve as a physician and/or doctorate-level leader in the world’s largest hospital entirely devoted to translational clinical research?

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites candidates with strong operational, clinical research, and leadership credentials to apply for the position of Chief, Department of Transfusion Medicine and Center for Cellular Engineering at the NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD. The NIH Clinical Center is the largest hospital in the world totally dedicated to translational clinical research. The hospital maintains a 200-bed capacity that supports the intramural research programs of Institutes and Centers across the NIH. The hospital supports an extensive range of acute care patients who are research participants with long-standing relationships with their care team. As a clinical hospital department chief, the incumbent will lead a department of about 185 staff members in a complex clinical research setting.

The NIH Clinical Center Department of Transfusion (DTM) provides high-quality patient care and hospital services in support of NIH clinical research programs, pursues research that contributes to the knowledge and practice of transfusion medicine and related technologies, and provides advanced training in transfusion medicine. DTM includes an FDA-licensed blood collecting facility as well as a transfusion service, diagnostic testing laboratories, and an FDA-registered cell processing facility. The department provides clinical services to support NIH patients in need of blood component therapy, cellular therapy, therapeutic apheresis, and specialized laboratory diagnostics. In addition, it collects and prepares the blood components and cellular therapy products used in patient care at NIH, maintains an accredited Immunohematology Reference Lab, offers a fellowship program in Transfusion Medicine, and manages a training program for Specialists in Blood Banking.

The Center for Cellular Engineering (CCE) manufactures cell and gene therapies for phase I and II clinical trials; processes hematopoietic stem cell grafts for transplantation; develops new cell therapies; develops new assays to test cell and gene therapies; and prepares chemistry, manufacturing, and controls (CMC) documents for investigational new drugs (IND) and summary data for annual reports to the FDA.

The Clinical Center is the epicenter for intramural research and collaboration at NIH. An individual selected for this position will have an opportunity to foster a research practice environment that supports innovation, including scholarly activities that lead to increased patient safety, optimal clinical outcomes, and ensures clinical research goals are obtained while implementing the principles of high reliability in healthcare at the Clinical Center. The incumbent will have opportunities to integrate scientific goals and objectives into the practice of clinical research.
We seek an experienced and proven leader who possesses exceptional communication skills, a high level of comfort leading, consulting and advising a diverse clinical research workforce, and running patient care operations in a complex hospital setting. The ability to form partnerships and provide sound guidance at all levels within a complex clinical research setting is key in the performance of routine duties associated with this position.

Candidates must be experienced and proven leaders with substantive technical, practice and strategic management skill sets in a clinical research setting. The ideal physician candidate must possess a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy degree, be board certified in hematology, pathology, or another relevant clinical area, and have demonstrated experience in a primarily clinical research setting. The ideal doctorate-level candidate will possess a Doctor of Philosophy degree and have demonstrated experience in a primarily clinical research setting. A track record of excellence in research collaboration or a contemporary independent research program is desirable. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate the willingness to contribute to the success of investigators and clinicians throughout the NIH. Candidates with outstanding research accomplishments may be eligible for tenure within the NIH Intramural Research Program.

Salary is commensurate with experience and accomplishments. A full Civil Service package of benefits (including retirement, health, life and long term care insurance, Thrift Savings Plan, etc.) is available. Applications must be submitted online between January 6, 2020 and January 15, 2020 by visiting www.usajobs.gov website.

- MD, MD/PhD, or DO Candidates: job announcement # NIH-CC-DH-20-10668178
- PhD and Other Candidates: job announcement # NIH-CC-DE-20-10668192.

Please include in your application a description of mentoring and outreach activities in which you have been involved, especially those involving women and persons from racial/ethnic or other groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research.

If you have questions about this position, please contact Charlee Bryan at 301-402-5443 or at charlee.bryan@nih.gov. For questions about the application process, please contact Teresa Collins at 301-594-9032 or teresa.collins@nih.gov. This position is subject to a background investigation.

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