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The **Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research's (OBSSR)** announcement for the position of **[Medical Officer](#)** is now available through **[USAJOBS Web site](#)**. To be considered, candidates must adhere to a two-step process:

- 1) formally apply through the **[USAJOBS](#)** on or before **September 29, 2013** AND
- 2) submit the materials requested below to Allison Ruggeri.

Note that the announcement is a "Global Announcement" which means that various components of NIH all share a single job announcement. Therefore, the announcement will not state that OBSSR is participating. Instead, it will indicate that the "Office of the Director" (OD) is participating in the announcement; this includes OBSSR as we are part of the OD. Because the Global Announcement includes many different positions all across NIH, there are likely to be a large number of applicants. To assist OBSSR in identifying applicants of interest within the larger pool of applicants applying to the Global Announcement, we request that applicants send additional application materials directly to OBSSR (see below).

Please be aware there are many job postings and it is easy to select the wrong one. To assist you, we have provided the hyperlink to the correct announcement: **[Medical Officer, PCA, GS-14](#)** <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/351874300>

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Please forward information as you deem appropriate.

**[Seeking a Physician with Expertise in the Behavioral or Social Sciences Expertise
to Join the
Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
at the National Institutes of Health](#)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) is recruiting* a dynamic physician with expertise in the behavioral or social sciences to serve as a [Medical Officer](#). Located in the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives within the Office of the Director, OBSSR was established to strengthen the NIH's research and training initiatives relating to behavioral and social processes, in service of the NIH mission to promote health and to prevent, treat and cure disease. The Office fosters research that connects the biological and psychological factors intrinsic to the individual (e.g., physiological, cognitive, emotional, genetic) with extrinsic social factors (e.g. family, community, economics, healthcare policy and practice). Moreover, OBSSR supports the links between research and practice that will improve the development and implementation of **behavioral and social interventions, the practice of translational and preventive medicine, health care delivery and access to care with the ultimate goal of optimizing healthy lifestyles, well-being, public health, and reducing the burden of disease.**

An individual with the expertise described above would enjoy a scientifically energizing and collegial environment and have ample opportunities to:

- Develop new trans-NIH research initiatives at the interfaces of the behavioral and social sciences, the practice of medicine, clinical and translational sciences, and health care delivery;
- Develop curricula, tools and other vehicles to educate and train the next generation of scientists, physicians, and other health care providers and retrain more experienced researchers to advance research in these areas;
- Coordinate among relevant NIH research programs and related programs in other Federal agencies and professional scientific or medical associations;
- Lead and participate in transdisciplinary research collaborations among public, private, and academic stakeholders; and,
- Develop national scientific programming (e.g., symposia, special journal issues and supplements, conferences, and workshops) in medical practice, clinical and translational sciences and health care delivery.

The position is advertised as a GS-14 Medical Officer. Candidates should have a M.D. or equivalent degree with experience in the practice of medicine, as well as research experience related to behavioral, social, public health, clinical or

translational sciences, or the delivery of health care. Candidates with strong writing, communication and interpersonal skills are sought.

The work site location is the Washington, D.C. suburb of Bethesda, Maryland. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and excellent benefits will be provided. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. DHHS, NIH and OBSSR are Equal Opportunity Employers.

Applicants are asked to send the following documents by electronic mail to Ms. Allison Ruggeri at: Allison.ruggeri@nih.gov:

- Cover letter describing your expertise and interest in directing OBSSR research and training programs targeting the interfaces of the behavioral and social sciences, the practice of medicine, clinical and translational sciences, and health care delivery;
- Curriculum vitae, including names and contact information of three professional references; and,
- One first-authored journal publication relevant to the expertise sought in this announcement.

For additional information about this announcement, please contact:

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To learn more about OBSSR, please visit: <http://obssr.od.nih.gov/index.aspx>.

* The announcement for this position is now available on the [USAJOBS Web site](http://www.usajobs.gov/) <https://www.usajobs.gov/> as a [Medical Officer](#). To be considered, candidates must formally apply through the USAJOBS Web site and send requested materials to Allison Ruggeri (see above). **THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 29, 2013**
