

# The American Society of Pharmacognosy

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## Director, Office of Dietary Supplements

### Description

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director, Office of Dietary Supplements. This is an exciting opportunity to provide leadership for and coordinate scientific research within the NIH relating to dietary supplements; serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary and to the Assistant Secretary for Health and provide advice to the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs on issues relating to dietary supplements; collect and compile the results of scientific research relating to dietary supplements, and maintain a database of scientific research on dietary supplements and individual nutrients and a public database of NIH research support that examines the relationship between dietary supplements and disease prevention; and coordinate funding relating to dietary supplements for the NIH. In this role, you will lead the NIH effort to assess research gaps, encourage, and facilitate scientific studies necessary for a full understanding of evidence-based benefits and risks of dietary supplements and will collaborate with other Federal agencies and the private sector to develop and initiate a national research agenda and programs focused on dietary supplements. Successful candidates will have outstanding communication, strong program management, executive leadership, and relationship building skills which are essential to the formulation of initiatives, resources, and policies that promote research on dietary supplements. Extensive research experience in dietary supplements, medicine, dietetics, pharmacology, chemistry, or biochemistry is required (including botanicals, probiotics, purity, metabolism and safety of dietary supplements, nutrient dietary supplements, and/or the use of dietary supplements in interventional research for disease prevention or health promotion). Clinical and/or translational research experience is desirable, but not required. Candidates must have an M.D, Ph.D. or equivalent. Candidates with a range of experience are welcome, including from the private and public sectors. The Office of Dietary

### Hiring organization

NIH

### Employment Type

Full-time

### Job Location

Bethesda, MD

### Date posted

March 28, 2022

### Valid through

04.05.2022

Supplements, located within the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) in the Office of the NIH Director strengthens knowledge and understanding of dietary supplements by evaluating scientific information, stimulating and supporting research, disseminating research results, and educating the public to foster an enhanced quality of life and health for the U.S. population. This Title 42 position offers a unique and exciting opportunity for a leader to execute and manage the daily operations in support of the ODS strategic vision and mission. He/she leads efforts to plan, coordinate, integrate and evaluate dietary supplement research and other dietary supplement research activities conducted and supported by the NIH; develops a strategic plan for the conduct/support of dietary supplement research and related activities; and provides consultation, leadership, guidance, and direction with respect to the scope and direction of dietary supplement research to Institute and Center Directors, policy makers, the dietary supplement stakeholder community, and others interested in and affected by dietary supplement research activities. Information about ODS is located at its website: <https://ods.od.nih.gov>. Information about the National Institutes of Health is located at its website. ABOUT NIH: As the world's largest medical research facility, NIH consists of 27 Institutes/Centers, including the Clinical Center (an on-site research hospital), the Fogarty International Center, and the National Library of Medicine. NIH's national program of health research and research training is currently funded at more than \$40 billion annually. NIH has over 18,000 employees.

### **Responsibilities**

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### **Qualifications**

NIH seeks candidates with strong communication skills, who have a commitment to scientific excellence and the energy, enthusiasm, and innovative thinking necessary to lead a dynamic and diverse organization. Applicants must possess an M.D. and/or Ph.D., or comparable doctorate degree in a field of health science plus senior-level scientific experience in one or more aspects of dietary supplement research (e.g., botanicals, probiotics, purity and safety of dietary supplements, nutrient dietary supplements, and/or the use of dietary supplements in interventional research for disease prevention or health promotion), medicine, dietetics, pharmacology, chemistry, or biochemistry, and outstanding scientific knowledge of dietary supplement or nutrition research programs. Clinical and/or translational research experience is desirable, but not required. The candidate should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as individuals of outstanding scientific prominence, with a distinguished record of research accomplishments and leadership credentials. Applicants must also have demonstrated experience in setting, planning, implementing, and analyzing program objectives and priorities. They should have the demonstrated leadership and broad visionary capabilities in the research arena with demonstrated ability to engage others to create and execute an organization's vision; to navigate successfully within and collaborate across the public sector to achieve research objectives; and to optimize organizational performance by developing strategic priorities, setting and communicating clearly defined expectations, promoting accountability for results, and resolving operational problems and issues. Candidates should have demonstrated management acumen, including identification and management of financial and human resource needs; proven ability to make complex and

strategic decisions to optimize resource usage, mitigate risks, and achieve desired results; and the ability to build, mentor, motivate, and maintain a culturally diverse biomedical research workforce.

### **Contacts**

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