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- **National Dialogue Website Voting Reminder (new AAU-APLU-COGR suggestion posted 11/13)**

On November 13th APLU, AAU, and COGR posted a recommendation to the [National Dialogue website](#) urging OMB to require all Federal agencies subject to OSTP's 2013 policy memorandum, "[Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research](#)," to Harmonize Agency Public Access Procedures and Submission. The recommendations were based on concerns that the creation of divergent public access policies, requiring grantees to comply with an array of different terms and conditions across multiple funding agencies, would substantially increase the administrative burden on grantees.

In addition to supporting the APLU, AAU, and COGR recommendations previously posted to the National Dialogue, **we encourage appropriate staff from your institution-as many as possible-to "vote" for and comment** on this recommendation. Although no deadline has been set for responding to the National Dialogue, your prompt response is important and necessary to inform OMB and OSTP of your concerns as new agency public access policies continue to be released.

- **Update on NIH Postdoctoral Benefit Survey**

On November 30th, an NIH [blog post](#) provided some results of the NIH Postdoctoral benefits survey, based on their 167 survey responses. From the blog post: “Considering the age, career stage, the duration of postdoctoral experiences, the ACD felt that all postdocs should have a full, standard benefit package. Over the next several months, the NIH will consider various policy approaches that will help institutions adjust benefits accordingly.”

- **NIH Blog post on F&A**

As you may know, the “[Open Mike](#)” blog is written by Mike Lauer, the new NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research. Open Mike replaces Sally Rockey’s “Rock Talk.” In her [penultimate post](#), Dr. Rockey clarifies Facilities and Administrative Costs in a video presentation.

- **Vacancy Announcement: NIH Deputy Director, Office of Extramural Research (OER)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, the world’s largest medical research facility and an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), seeks applications from exceptional candidates for the position of Deputy Director, Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of the Director (OD).

This position reports to the NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research/Director (DDER), OER and will coordinate activities across NIH, among other federal agencies and external organizations.

Leadership Responsibilities: On behalf of the DDER, the Deputy Director for the OER (DDOER) is responsible for the oversight and management of highly complex, cross-cutting, and sensitive assignments that include:

- leading and serving on trans-NIH activities to formulate, implement, and evaluate relevant extramural programs, policies, procedures, and priorities;
- representing the NIH on government-wide committees, task forces, and working groups;
- developing plans for future initiatives and preparing and/or presenting position papers on extramural issues of broad impact;
- directly engaging in legislative issues including actual testimony and preparing legislative testimony for use by the NIH;
- collaborating with other OD offices to address scientific and policy issues that affect extramural grantees; and
- serving as the Agency Extramural Research Integrity Officer.

Additional Responsibilities: The DDOER serves as the second authority for the OER and directs the OER Office of Communications Analysis and Planning. In this role, the DDOER allocates budgets and provides supervisory oversight for 28 staff.

Qualifications: Candidates must have an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in a health or allied sciences field relevant to the position. This position will be filled under a Title 42(f) excepted service

appointment. An integral function of this position is bringing the appropriate individuals from across the NIH to coalesce around critical matters requiring immediate response, with the flexibility to move quickly from one issue to another with independence and authority. As such, the position requires professional interaction with the extramural scientific community. In addition, the DDOER must possess the ability to gain support of constituents that often may have competing interests, both internal and external to the NIH, on key public health policy issues. This is a highly visible position with significant impact on the NIH extramural community.

Location: Bethesda, MD

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 public financial disclosure requirements.

How To Apply: Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae, bibliography, 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 both statements to two pages each). Send application package by email to T42OER@od.nih.gov or via mail to:

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For additional information about this vacancy, contact Tamla Ransford at 301-451-7784. OER will begin accepting applications on **December 4, 2015** and plans to have the position open for **30 days**. To learn more information about the OER, please visit <http://grants.nih.gov>

- **News of Interest: Calls to Reconsider Gun Violence Research Ban**

Federal agencies have been prohibited from funding gun violence research since 1996. Even the former Congressman (Jay Dickey) who wrote the budget amendment limiting such research has now changed his opinion and calls for lifting this ban. [Newsweek](#).

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