Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

Overview:

ARPA-H (Advanced Research Project Agency for Health) is seeking highly qualified candidates to build out our executive leadership team. ARPA-H is a new agency established with the mission of creating breakthrough solutions to America's most challenging health-related problems. ARPA-H will support high-uncertainty, high-reward programs to solve hard challenges using programmatic approaches that other agencies cannot or do not use. With a scope spanning the molecular to the societal, ARPA-H programs have the potential to radically improve everyone's health. Our streamlined awards process enables us to act quickly and catalyze cutting-edge biomedical and health research. ARPA-H will create an environment to support the best ideas from Program Managers that will bring together dynamic teams to solve the toughest health challenges. Our rigorous program design, competitive project selection process, and active program management ensure thoughtful and impactful expenditures. ARPA-H Program Managers serve for limited terms to ensure a constant infusion of fresh thinking and new perspectives. More information on ARPA-H can be found here: https://arpa-h.gov/

Ethical, Legal, Social Implications (ELSI) Expert

Description:

The ELSI Expert at ARPA-H will play a crucial role in ensuring that the agency's research projects and innovations adhere to ethical, legal, and social standards. The incumbent will provide guidance on the implications of new health technologies and research outcomes and ensure compliance with all applicable laws and ethical guidelines.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement innovative frameworks to assess and address the ethical, legal, and social implications of ARPA-H projects.
- Collaborate with Program Managers and funded research teams to integrate ELSI considerations into the design and conduct of projects.
- Conduct ongoing reviews of projects for ELSI compliance and provide recommendations to mitigate risks.
- Educate and train ARPA-H staff and stakeholders on ELSI issues related to biomedical and health research.
- Convene ARPA-H staff and internal subject matter experts to participate and provide relevant expertise on ELSI matters
- Serve as liaison between ARPA-H and external program-specific ELSI bodies (committees, experts, etc.), ensuring that projects meet all ethical and legal requirements.

- Participate in drafting policy recommendations and guidelines to enhance national and international approaches to health research ethics.
- Collaborate with communication and public affairs team to develop accurate content and communication for target audiences. Includes risk communication.
- Engage with the public and other external parties to communicate the ethical dimensions of ARPA-H projects.
- Other strategic planning and duties related to the ELSI, equity, and messaging goals of the agency, as assigned by the Director for International Affairs.

Educational Qualifications and Requirements:

- Advanced degree in Bioethics, Law, Social Sciences, Public Health, or a related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in an ELSI role, preferably within a research, academic, or governmental setting.
- Demonstrated knowledge of bioethics, privacy laws, and the regulatory landscape relevant to health research.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to manage complex ethical and legal issues.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, capable of effectively interacting with a variety of stakeholders.
- Proven track record of working in multidisciplinary teams and fostering a collaborative environment.

Preferred Qualifications:

- PhD or JD highly preferred.
- Experience in a leadership role in an ethics committee or similar body.
- Publications in relevant fields demonstrating thought leadership in ELSI issues.

Apply at CAREERS@ARPA-H.GOV Please include subject line: ELSI Expert

At ARPA-H, our customer is the American public, and we seek to build a mission-driven workforce that is as diverse as our customer base. We are building a culture that creates a space for visionary innovators in science, health, and in building a best-in-class ARPA organization. For this position, ARPA-H can use special hiring authorities that are legislatively granted that allow for a streamlined hiring and onboarding process.

Benefits: The ELSI Expert will be hired at an industry-competitive salary commensurate with the selectee's qualifications and experience and ARPA-H salary guidelines. Full Federal benefits will be provided, including retirement, health and life insurance, leave, and savings plan (401(k) equivalent). Relocation and other incentives may be available.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization. ARPA-H encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

Standards of Conduct/Financial Disclosure: ARPA-H inspires public confidence in our work by maintaining high ethical principles. ARPA-H employees are subject to Federal government-wide regulations and statutes as well as agency-specific regulations described on the NIH Ethics website. We encourage you to review this information. The position requires the incumbent to complete a public financial disclosure report prior to the effective date of the appointment.

Foreign Education: Applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the U.S. must have their foreign education evaluated by an accredited organization to ensure that the foreign education is equivalent to education received in accredited educational institutions in the United States. We will only accept the completed foreign education evaluation. For more information on foreign education verification, visit the https://www.naces.org website. Verification must be received prior to the effective date of the appointment.

Reasonable Accommodation: ARPA-H provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Location: This position is located in Washington, DC and easily accessible by Metro and public transportation. This is a telework eligible position.

Travel: Occasional travel may be expected for this position.