



## **ARPA-H JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ARPA-H Overview:**

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) is building an exceptional executive leadership team to tackle America's most daunting health challenges. We're not your typical government agency—we exist to fund the bold, high-risk ideas that could transform health outcomes for everyone, from the molecular level to entire communities. While other agencies play it safe, we embrace uncertainty and back visionary Program Managers who aren't afraid to fail in pursuit of breakthroughs that could change millions of lives.

Speed and agility define how we work. Our streamlined awards process cuts through bureaucratic red tape, enabling us to move at the pace of innovation rather than the pace of government. We attract the sharpest minds, empower them with resources and autonomy, and create an environment where audacious thinking thrives. Through rigorous program design, competitive selection, and hands-on management, we ensure every dollar drives maximum impact. And by bringing in Program Managers for limited terms, we guarantee a constant flow of fresh perspectives and cutting-edge expertise.

If you're energized by impossible problems and believe the next healthcare revolution is waiting to be unleashed, ARPA-H is where you belong. More information on ARPA-H can be found here: <https://arpa-h.gov/>.

Interested candidates should submit their CVs to [careers@arpa-h.gov](mailto:careers@arpa-h.gov) for consideration.

### **Position: Technical Office Director (ODs)**

#### **Description:**

ARPA-H's Technical Office Directors don't just manage portfolios—they define what's possible in health innovation. As a Technical Office leader, you'll command one of ARPA-H's strategic engines, orchestrating breakthrough programs that span cutting-edge science, bold partnerships, and transformative impact. You'll set the vision for your domain, forge unconventional alliances across government, academia, and industry titans, and drive the kind of radical innovation that rewrites the rules of what's achievable in human health. This isn't incremental progress—it's about catalyzing the bold bets that will define the next era of health.

We're hunting for visionary leaders who see challenges others ignore, and opportunities others can't imagine. If you're the kind of scientific strategist who thrives at the intersection of audacious ideas and executable science, who can rally diverse stakeholders around game-changing goals, and who's driven to transform human health at population scale—



ARPA-H's Technical Offices are where your impact will be measured in breakthroughs, not publications.

## Key Responsibilities

1. Build the Technical Office teams:
  - Recruit highly qualified PMs to design, launch, and oversee ARPA-H programs.
  - Develop Mission Office processes and procedures to provide a streamlined, sustainable approach to organizational management.
  - Facilitate PM success through visionary leadership and day-to-day technical guidance.
2. Strategic Planning and Leadership:
  - Develop and implement strategic plans for the agency's research and development mission office.
  - Provide visionary leadership and guidance to align research efforts with the agency's mission, goals, and priorities.
  - Establish performance metrics, monitor progress, and make informed decisions to optimize resource allocation and achieve desired outcomes.
3. Research and Development Coordination:
  - Collaborate with agency leadership, scientific experts, and stakeholders to identify research needs and priorities.
  - Facilitate cross-functional collaboration and coordination among internal research teams, external partners, and funding agencies.
  - Foster innovation and identify opportunities for multidisciplinary research initiatives that address persistent and emerging health challenges.
4. Program Management:
  - Oversee PM implementation and management of research programs, ensuring alignment with strategic objectives and compliance with regulatory requirements.
  - Monitor program budgets, timelines, and deliverables, and take proactive measures to address any deviations or challenges.
  - Evaluate program effectiveness and impact and provide recommendations for process improvement and resource optimization.
5. Stakeholder Engagement:
  - Build and maintain strong relationships with external partners, including other federal agencies, academic institutions, industry stakeholders, and non-profit organizations.
  - Foster collaborative partnerships to leverage expertise, resources, and funding opportunities that support the agency's research and development efforts.
  - Represent the agency at conferences, meetings, and public events, and effectively communicate the agency's mission, achievements, and research priorities.

6. Policy and Regulatory Compliance:

- Stay abreast of relevant policies, regulations, and ethical considerations related to health research and development.
- Ensure compliance with federal guidelines, ethical standards, and data privacy regulations in all research activities.
- Provide guidance to PMs and program staff on best practices and compliance requirements.

**Educational Qualifications and Requirements:**

- MD or Ph.D. degree in a relevant field (e.g., health sciences, biomedical research, public health).
- Demonstrated ability to scale MedTech/biotech innovation and in-depth knowledge of medical and biotechnology landscape.
- Extensive experience (typically 10+ years) in health research and development, with a strong background in program management and strategic planning.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, with a track record of successfully building, leading, and managing teams and projects, especially in a high growth and sometimes ambiguous setting.
- Knowledge of federal and/or private sector research and development policies, regulations, and funding mechanisms.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities, with a data-driven and results-oriented mindset.
- Familiarity with emerging trends, technologies, and best practices in health research and development.
- Experience at an ARPA is a plus.
- US Citizenship.