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*Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), a major research component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services, is recruiting for an individual to serve as the Chief of the **Child Development and Behavior Branch (CDBB)** of the Division of Extramural Research (DER, <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der>). DER develops, implements, and coordinates cross-cutting, multidisciplinary research activities within NICHD's mission. The NICHD research portfolio is quite broad, including biological, behavioral, and clinical research related to conception and pregnancy, normal and abnormal development in childhood, reproductive health, and population dynamics across the lifespan. The CDBB develops scientific initiatives and supports research and research training relevant to the psychological, neurobiological, language, behavioral, and educational development and health of children. The CDBB Chief leads in defining the scientific vision for the branch and finding ways to implement that vision through the stimulation of research, research training, and research resources.

The incumbent will utilize deep knowledge of research in developmental psychology and cognitive neuroscience – especially in pediatric populations – and have strong leadership skills to achieve the CDBB goals and objectives. The Branch is responsible for developing and supporting a comprehensive national effort to increase the knowledge base for understanding the variable process in which individual differences in cognitive, social, emotional, language, neurobiological, and physical maturation, environment, life experiences, and genetics interact. Branch priorities include bilingual and biliteracy development; neurodevelopmental measures; pediatric primary care behavioral and health promotion interventions; psychosocial adjustment for individuals in high-risk environments; school readiness skills in economically and socially disadvantaged children; and intervention efforts in reading, writing and mathematics.

The CDBB seeks a candidate with a strong background in developmental neuroscience and developmental psychology, with additional expertise in learning disorders and behavioral and molecular genetics. Successful candidates for this position will have excellent communication and leadership skills, and in-depth knowledge of the field.

For additional information about this position, contact William Duval, Ph.D. at [william.duval@nih.gov](mailto:william.duval@nih.gov) with a resume and letter of interest. Potential candidates should look for the Global Supervisory Health Scientist Administrator (Program Officer) announcement, which is anticipated to open on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. More information can be found at <https://jobs.nih.gov/globalrecruitment/>.

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