

**AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Director of APIRE's Psychiatric Research Network (PRN)

The Director of APIRE's Psychiatric Research Network (PRN) provides scientific direction and oversight for APIRE's mental health services research activities, including developing and implementing a strategic research agenda to address critical clinical and policy issues.

Key responsibilities include:

- 1) Providing scientific direction and oversight for services research activities of the PRN and the Institute.
- 2) Working with the Institute Director, the PRN Scientific Advisory Committee, and PRN staff to develop and implement a fundable, strategic research agenda to address critical clinical and policy issues.
- 3) Directing the development of successful grant and contract proposals.
- 4) Directing staff developing and implementing PRN and other research studies, including devising research designs, methods, and implementation plans; developing and testing data collection instruments and measures; formulating and implementing analytic plans; and publishing and reporting study findings.
- 5) Directing staff responsible for addressing critical methodological issues, including psychometric validation studies and the identification and adaptation of state-of-the-art electronic data collection methods (e.g., internet- and MIS-based systems).
- 6) Overseeing the day-to-day operations of the PRN and the research-related activities of the Institute, including supervising and recruiting staff; managing budgets, grants, and contracts; publishing and disseminating research findings; ensuring successful recruitment and retention of PRN members; developing productive collaborative relationships with external investigators and organizations; and coordinating the research agendas of the PRN and the Institute.
- 7) Providing scientific support for the Institute Director and ensuring the research and research-related activities of the PRN, the Institute, the APA, and its collaborators are effectively coordinated.

Required qualifications include:

- M.D. or Ph.D. in mental health services research, psychology, public health, or a related field, with a minimum of ten years of work experience in clinical, health services, or health policy research with significant experience in mental health services research; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Expertise in all aspects of successful grant/contract proposal development.
- Ability to develop and implement a fundable strategic research agenda reflecting critical clinical and policy issues.
- Excellent qualitative and quantitative research skills, including experience in developing, managing, and implementing health services research.
- Demonstrated ability to lead a team of researchers addressing challenging scientific and methodological research issues.

WHERE TO APPLY:

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