



Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health / National Eye Institute
Associate Director, GS-601-15
**(Organizational Title: Associate Director of the Office of Science
Communications, Public Liaison, and Education)**

POSITION: The National Eye Institute (NEI), a major component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Associate Director of the Office of Science Communications, Public Liaison, and Education. The NEI is responsible for a national and international program to conduct and support research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to blinding eye diseases, visual disorders, mechanisms of visual function, preservation of sight, and the special health problems and requirements of individuals who are visually impaired.

The incumbent reports directly to the Director, NEI and is the chief technical and policy advisor on health information dissemination. The Associate Director will conduct planning, management, and evaluation of a dynamic, nationally visible science communications, public liaison, and education program in eye health and vision disorders and will (1) interpret, develop and produce scientific and lay publications, reports, articles, exhibits and other materials on institute research, activities, and programs; (2) utilize the latest health and consumer communications strategies to translate research results to the health care and academic communities and the general public; (3) respond to inquiries from the public, patients and families, health professionals, and government and non-government organizations; (4) plan, implement, and evaluate nationwide vision research and eye health media programs and media-related materials; (5) develop and oversee the NEI public and internal communication websites; (6) establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with professional organizations and patient and community groups; and (7) oversee the Congressionally-mandated National Eye Health Education Program.

Applicants should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must possess a degree in an academic field related to the health sciences, allied sciences, or health science communications appropriate to the work of the position. Experience in academic, professional society, and/or industry settings is important for the level of liaison and collaboration required with constituents from sectors such as ophthalmic and optometric health service organizations, government agencies, members of the press and public, national and international public interest organizations, and community patient and advisory groups.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: GS-15 salary range is \$123,758 - \$155,500. Full Federal benefits are available including leave, health and life insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement, and retirement savings plan (401K equivalent).

HOW TO APPLY: Interested candidates may apply at www.usajobs.com to vacancy announcement NIH-NEI-DE-12-571550, beginning February 22, 2012. Applications must be received by midnight March 7, 2012. For questions, contact Aurelia Spencer, Human Resources Specialist, Office of Human Resources at spenceau@mail.nih.gov.

The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. DHHS, NIH and NEI ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.