Background

Comprised of more than 6,700 public health professionals, the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) mission is to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the nation. Within the USPHS, there are 11 professional categories, with the Scientist Category formally established in 1945. As of 2016, the Scientist Category has more than 300 doctoral-level officers specializing in various scientific disciplines. USPHS Scientist officers serve the nation as dedicated practitioners of high-quality and rigorous science; providing evidence to protect and improve public health services for communities, to design new and innovative interventions, and to guide new research to address emergent health needs of the future. Regardless of agency, Scientist officers lead and participate in quality scientific research across a spectrum of disciplines.

Scientists by the Numbers

Based on data available from the Recruitment and Retention committee. As of October 2016:

- >300 officers
- 45+ disciplines
- 30 OPDIVs

SciPAC Bibliography of Scientist Officers, by type, 2010 - 2016

Selected High Impact Manuscripts Published by PHS Scientist Officers


SciPAC Recruitment and Retention subcommittee
SciPAC Science subcommittee
SciPAC Visibility subcommittee
SciPAC Bibliography team
SciPAC High Impact Publications team

Summary

USPHS Scientist officers are an indispensable asset for conducting and disseminating rigorous science both domestically and internationally. Scientist officers provide vital public health research and findings in the fight to prevent, intervene and mitigate disease and ensure the health of our nation for generations to come.

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