

## Dr. Raul Rojas Named Chief of the Immunology and Infectious Diseases B (IIDB) Review Branch



Dr. Raul Rojas has been selected as the Chief of the Immunology and Infectious Diseases B (IIDB) review branch at the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Dr. Rojas first joined CSR as a detailee in 2015 and then, in 2016, as a scientific review officer (SRO) in the Endocrine and Metabolic Systems review branch. In 2020, he became a referral officer referring applications within the Division of Physiological and Pathological Sciences across a broad range of scientific areas including infectious disease and immunology. Dr. Rojas has served as the co-chair of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA)

Council since its formation in 2021. He has been involved in other important CSR initiatives, notably serving on the CSR Advisory Council Review Integrity Working Group, which developed the first interactive training module on review integrity for reviewers.

Dr. Rojas combines strong interpersonal and communication skills with a deep understanding of CSR as an SRO and referral officer, and through involvement in many outreach and CSR-wide activities. He is thoughtful and strategic in his approach to his work, and these skills will be invaluable as he undertakes the management of the IIDB branch. As the IIDB Chief, he will oversee nine standing panels and three fellowship panels in the area of infectious diseases and immunology. The review branch handles applications that address the immune system's role in host interactions with infectious agents and the mechanisms and treatment of diseases when the immune system has a major role.

Dr. Rojas earned a Ph.D. from the Department of Molecular Cell Biology at the University of Pittsburgh. He pursued post-doctoral research focused on a multimeric complex key to the sorting and trafficking of transmembrane proteins at the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Before joining CSR, he was a staff scientist in the Section on Biological Chemistry at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) where he conducted research on the molecular mechanisms controlling transport of Golgi resident enzymes and the molecular mechanisms underlying the biosynthesis of O-glycans.