

**REIMBURSABLE DETAIL  
Center for Tobacco Products**

The Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), Office of Science (OS), Division of Population Health Science (DPHS) Social Science Branch 1 is offering a Detail opportunity for an Unclassified Duties (Lead Social Scientist), GS 0101-14. Applicants and current employees at the GS-14 level are encouraged to apply. The Detail is available immediately for a period of 120 days. PHS Commissioned Corps Officers may apply.

**Bargaining Unit Status:** Bargaining Unit Position

**Position:** Unclassified Duties

**Office Location:** FDA  
Center for Tobacco Products  
Office of Science  
Beltsville, MD  
Northampton, MA  
Overland Park, KS

**Opening Date:** **June 3, 2019**  
**Closing Date:** **June 14, 2019**

**Area of Consideration:** **FDA-Wide**

The CTP, OS, DPHS offers a fast-paced, dynamic environment and an opportunity to work with dedicated, energetic people who want to make a difference to improve public health. The position is ideal for someone who wishes to play a critical role in the organization and would enjoy the challenge of handling a variety of fast-paced and high-impact assignments.

**Duties Include:**

As a team leader and expert in the behavioral and social sciences, the incumbent performs a number of duties as described in the following:

- Provides authoritative and professional expertise in dealing with the behavioral and social science aspects of public health issues related to tobacco products.
- Keeps abreast of scientific developments and current practices in consumer research through review of published literature, tobacco industry documents, and by continuing professional development through interactions with experts in the field.

- Evaluates, leads and directs studies of the behavioral aspects of public health issues and problems and reviews of industry submissions. Applies a professional knowledge of the behavioral sciences and related social and health sciences in the control and prevention of disease or injury. Leads the evaluation of public health program effectiveness by measuring and assessing the extent of behavioral change. Documents program accomplishments and recommends changes in policy, program operations, and resource levels to improve effectiveness.
- Plans work to be accomplished by subordinates, sets and adjusts short-term priorities, and prepares schedules for completion of work, when necessary. Assigns work to subordinates based on priorities, considering difficulty and requirements of assignments as well as the capabilities of employees. Gives advice, counsel, or instruction to employees on both work and administrative matters.
- Leads review of industry submissions by analyzing and determining the adequacy of data and tests submitted by a manufacturer to support claims including whether the product is appropriate for the protection of public health. Determines if additional data or other information is necessary within the context of applicable laws, policies, regulations, and guidances; proposes alternative approaches where appropriate.
- Proposes areas of study for in-house and contract regulatory science research projects. Develops state-of-the-art research projects to address gaps in scientific knowledge needed for effective regulation of tobacco products. Leads the design and conduct of studies to isolate and define the behavioral aspects contributing to public health issues and problems.
- Leads the development of strategies and programs to understand and address the behavioral component of public health issues, including assessment of risk and protective factors for health outcomes.
- Compiles research data to prepare presentations to support the Agency's recommendations and decisions on regulatory and other public health issues.
- Collaborates with other Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) staff in the design of public health programs, to understand and incorporate behavioral aspects in an integrated approach to disease or injury prevention. Partners with other government agencies and private organizations to accomplish program objectives.
- Develops and presents workshops and seminars, and represents CTP at conferences and meetings sponsored by other government agencies, private organizations and professional associations.

**Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

- Professional mastery of the principles, concepts and practices of one or more of the behavioral sciences, to design, conduct, and review studies to define the behavioral component of public health issues; develop strategies to modify behavior.
- Knowledge of related social and health sciences sufficient to collaborate with other public health professionals in the development of integrated approaches to public health issues.
- Analytical ability sufficient to identify and assess behavioral issues and develop strategies to address those issues.
- Expert knowledge of a wide range of scientific and public health principles, qualitative and/or quantitative research methods, practices, techniques, and current research developments as applied to the monitoring and evaluation of programs designed to improve public health.
- Strong collaboration skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

### **Application Procedure:**

Supervisory concurrence should be obtained before you apply to this Detail. The Detail opportunity is open to all qualified candidates at the GS-14 grade level or Commissioned Corps Officers (O5/O6).

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their resume, most recent copy of SF-50, and statement of interest via email to:

Miranda Jones  
Program Analyst  
Office of Management, Center for Tobacco Products, FDA  
[Miranda.Jones@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Miranda.Jones@fda.hhs.gov)

If you are not a current Social Scientist, please submit a copy of your Transcripts with your application.

Detail is reimbursable.  
Travel Expenses will not be paid.

**Candidates must express interest by June 14, 2019.**

**\*This is not an official vacancy announcement under the Merit Promotion System**

