

**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 4, 2019**  
**Closing Date:** **June 17, 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 supporting the Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE) with respect to tobacco products.
- Evaluates, leads and directs social science consumer perception studies to support CTP/OCE related to the behavioral aspects of public health issues with tobacco products. Documents accomplishments and recommends changes in policy,

program operations, and resource levels to improve effectiveness of social science support for CTP enforcement actions.

- Plans consumer perception studies, and other appropriate social science work, for the support of CTP enforcement actions, 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 social science work to support CTP enforcement actions.
- Designs research to address gaps in scientific knowledge needed for effective regulation of tobacco products and scientific support of CTP enforcement actions. Leads the design and conduct of studies to support CTP enforcement actions related to tobacco products.
- Compiles and analyzes research data to prepare reports, presentations, and briefing documents related to scientific support for CTP/OCE.
- Collaborates closely with staff from the CTP Office of Compliance and Enforcement in the design, implementation, and evaluation of social science research to support enforcement actions.

#### **Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

- Knowledge and previous experience leading social science work and applying the principles of social and behavioral science to provide scientific support for CTP enforcement actions, including the design and conduct of consumer perception studies to support enforcement.
- Analytical ability sufficient to identify and assess behavioral issues related to social science enforcement research and the ability to analyze data, produce reports, presentations, and briefing documents to support CTP enforcement actions.
- Expert knowledge of a wide range of scientific and public health principles applied to support CTP enforcement actions, including qualitative and/or quantitative research methods, practices, techniques, and analyses.
- Strong collaboration skills and previous experience working closely with the CTP Office of Compliance and Enforcement to support CTP enforcement actions.
- 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 17, 2019.**

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