



**Title 21 Vacancy Announcement**  
**Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**  
**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**  
**Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)**  
**Immediate Office of the Center Director (OCD)**

**Application Period:** April 27 – May 18, 2022

**Area of Consideration:** Open to the public. United States Citizenship is required. You must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. Foreign nationals or legal permanent residents are not eligible for consideration.

**Position:** Senior Advisor for Translational Science

**Series:** 0401

**Location(s):** Silver Spring, MD.

**Salary:** Starting at \$168,914

**Work Schedule:** Full Time

**Cures Band(s):** Band F

**Full Performance Band Level:** Band F

**Travel Requirements:** 25% or less

**Bargaining Unit:** 8888

**Relocation Expenses Reimbursement:** You may qualify for reimbursement of relocation expenses in accordance with agency policy.

**This position is being filled under a stream-lined hiring authority, Title 21, Section 3072 of the 21st Century Cures Act. The candidate selected for this position will serve under a career or career-conditional appointment and be paid under the provisions of this authority.**

**Additional information on 21st Century Cures Act can be found here:**

[21st Century Cures Act Information](#)

### Introduction

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is the regulatory, scientific, public health and consumer protection agency responsible for ensuring all human and animal drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, foods, food additives, drugs and medicated feeds for food producing animals, tobacco and radiation emitting devices safe, and effective.

The Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) mission is to protect and enhance the public health through the regulation of biological and related products including blood, vaccines, allergenics, tissues, and cellular and gene therapies. This position is located in the immediate office of the Center Director, CBER.

### Duties/Responsibilities

The incumbent of this position serves as Senior Advisor for Translational Science and principle advisor to the Deputy Center Director and the Center Director in matters relating to the regulation of biological and related products.

Specifically the Senior Advisor will:

- Provides strategic leadership in the development and execution of CBER's goals and priorities for collaborations and outreach in the area of translational science.
- Advises on the need for key strategic partnerships in support of development of CBER products and establishes or supports development of partnerships or outreach efforts as needed.
- Responsible for strategic planning regarding translational science grants to external organizations (Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), and other grants), and supports grant related activities. Strategic support to the horizon scanning process.
- Provides strategic support to the Associate Director for Science (ADS) with integrating input on cross cutting scientific and science policy related issues from other agencies.
- Represents or may act for the Center Director at cross-agency meetings or meetings with other entities, including educational, non-profit, or industry groups to further the CBER mission in the area of translational science and communicate CBER goals in the areas of translational science.
- Represents and may act for the Center Director at high levels of CBER, FDA, HHS, DoD, including on issues related to select agent programs and national security (requires eligibility for a security clearance), and throughout the US government in relevant scientific matters and to achieve program and national goals, including interaction with executives and legislative branches as well as the public and news media.

#### Conditions of Employment

- One-year probationary period may be required.
- Background and/or Security investigation required.
- U.S. citizenship is required.
- All applicants born male, on (or after) 12/31/1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System OR have an approved exemption. Visit [www.SSS.gov](http://www.SSS.gov) for more info.
- This position may be subject to strict prohibited financial interest regulations which could restrict the type of financial interest (stock holdings) for the employee, the spouse, and minor children of the employee. For additional information on the prohibited financial interests, please visit the FDA Ethics and Integrity Office website at <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/jobs-and-training-fda/ethics>.

#### Basic Qualifications

Candidates must possess the required individual occupational requirements to qualify for the appropriate series applicable to the position. Please use the following link to determine the series for which you qualify:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=List-by-Occupational-Series>

#### Professional Experience/Desirable Qualifications

- Science and research policy experience in emerging science and technology issues.
- Experience with public-private partnerships, or collaborating in teams across federal agencies or with other stakeholders.
- Demonstrated negotiation skills.
- Experience in developing programs to address translational or regulatory science issues.
- Candidates would ideally have a master's degree, doctoral degree, or both in Biology or Microbiology.

#### Ethics Clearance Requirements

This position may require financial disclosure reporting and will be subject to FDA's prohibited financial interest regulation. If you are hired, you may be required to divest of certain financial interests. You are advised to seek additional information on this requirement from the hiring official before accepting any job offers. For more information please visit the FDA Ethics web page: <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/jobs-and-training-fda/ethics>.

#### Equal Employment Opportunity

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex

(including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor. [Equal Employment Opportunity \(EEO\) for federal employees & job applicants.](#)

### Reasonable Accommodation

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application process should follow the instructions in the job opportunity announcement. For any part of the remaining hiring process, applicants should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable accommodation is any change to a job, the work environment, or the way things are usually done that enables an individual with a disability to apply for a job, perform job duties or receive equal access to job benefits. Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodations when: An applicant with a disability needs an accommodation to have an equal opportunity to apply for a job. An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to perform the essential job duties or to gain access to the workplace. An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to receive equal access to benefits, such as details, training, and office-sponsored events. You can request a reasonable accommodation at any time during the application or hiring process or while on the job. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Learn more about [disability employment and reasonable accommodations](#) or [how to contact an agency](#).

### How to Apply

Please submit electronic resume or curriculum vitae (please be sure to clearly define the number of years using month and year training completed, in addition to describing duties performed during that time period), copy of your transcripts (unofficial), SF50 (if applicable), latest PMAP (if applicable), and letter of interest with **“CURES CBER/OCD Senior Advisor for Translational Science** in the subject line to: [CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov). Applications will be accepted through **May 18, 2022**.

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