VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Position: Staff Fellow / Visiting Scientist

Series: This position will be filled in an appropriate occupational series under Title 42 U.S.C. 209(g)

Location: Jefferson, AR

Opening Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2022

Closing Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2022, unless a candidate is selected sooner.

Salary Range: Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Area of Consideration: All U.S. Citizens or eligible foreign nationals

Special Notes: This position will be filled as a Title 42 209 (g) appointment. This is an Excepted Service position under Title 42. This appointment does not confer any entitlement to a position in the competitive service and no entitlement to Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) appeal rights.

Introduction:
This position is located in the Office of Scientific Coordination (OSC), National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR), of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). NCTR's mission is to conduct peer-reviewed research and develop new scientific tools for the FDA to improve public health. This research produces innovative tools to solve complex health issues and anticipated toxicological problems, thus enhancing the science of regulatory decision making. NCTR provides multidisciplinary training and fosters national and international collaborations with scientists from government, academia, and industry. The mission of OSC is to enable the research mission of NCTR and FDA by providing the professional support necessary for conducting toxicology studies.

Duties/Responsibilities:
NCTR is seeking a highly qualified technician, who will provide technical and scientific implementation of the research projects. Specific duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Participates in the planning of in-life toxicology research experiments and analysis of in-life study execution in support of research protocols to achieve greater scientific reliability, economy, and efficiency.

- Reviews study protocols, prepares initial work plans and study definition documents. Works with principal investigators to define study parameters in accordance with research study protocols and prepares research support materials for workflow and operational analysis, equipment utilization and/or animal allocation.

- Enters the animal study design into an in-life data collection and management software system.

- Provides basic recommendations on implementation of the animal study execution. The technician is responsible for the collection of data and serves as liaison between the data generators and the in-life database. Understands the database parameters, execution at the data entry site, and corrective measures for data-site errors.

- Provides support to individuals collecting data in accordance with protocol and study requirements, as well as compliance with GLP principles.

- Provides reports for existing protocols or experiment variables to be studied.

- Keeps accurate records, with knowledge of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) principles, and reviews and verifies in-life data using his/her knowledge of the project and communicates issues to the study principal investigator.

- Prepares reports summarizing in-life study data in a format suitable for archival and is responsible for archiving in-life research data in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and GLP principles.

- Participates in the development of SOPs and control systems.

- Works with principal investigators, technicians, scientific computer programmers, other support groups and management to define parameters of toxicology research studies that will be used in developing or modifying data collection systems.

- Participates in the validation of data collection and management systems for support of in-life animal studies.

- Performs all other in-life research activities as assigned.

Desired Qualifications:

- Candidates must have a bachelor's-level degree from an accredited institution of higher learning, including: B.S. or equivalent degree in the biological, health sciences, or other discipline appropriate to the position.

- Candidates must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the GS-9 or GS-11 level equivalent in the civil service General Schedule.

Conditions of Employment:

Ethics Requirements: This position is 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. Selectee for this position will be required to file a Confidential Disclosure Report (OGE 450) and may require the selectee to obtain clearance from the FDA Division of Ethics and Integrity before a final offer can be made. For additional information on the prohibited financial interests, please visit the FDA Ethics and Integrity Office website at http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/Ethics/default.htm.

Security and Background Requirements: If not previously completed a background security investigation will be required for all appointees. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements may be grounds for appropriate personnel action. In addition, if hired, a background security investigation or supplemental investigation may be required at a later time. Applicants are also advised that all information concerning qualification is subject to investigation. False representation may be grounds for non-selection and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Application Procedures:

Candidates must submit a CV and brief statement of interest to:

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