Title 21 Vacancy Announcement
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)
Office of Compliance and Biologics Quality (OCBQ)
Division of Manufacturing and Product Quality (DMPQ)

Application Period: February 26, 2024 – March 15, 2024

Area of Consideration: 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: Consumer Safety Officer*
*Multiple selections can be made from this announcement

Series: 0696

Location: Remote Eligible position

Salary: Starting at $117,962

Telework Eligible: Yes – as determined by agency policy

Bargaining Unit: 3591

Work Schedule: Full Time

Full Performance Band Level: Band C

Cures Band(s): Band C

Travel Requirements: Less than 25%

Note: Incentives may be authorized; however, this is contingent upon funds availability. If authorized, certain incentives will require you to sign a service agreement to remain in the Federal government for a period of up to 3 years. Note: This statement does not imply nor guarantee an incentive will be offered and paid. Incentives include the following: moving expenses, recruitment, or relocation incentive; student loan repayment, superior qualifications appointment, creditable service for annual leave for prior non-federal work experience or prior uniformed military service, etc.

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) is a Center within FDA that regulates biological products for human use under applicable federal laws, including the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. CBER's 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. CBER protects and advances the public health by ensuring that biological products are safe, effective, and available to those who need them. CBER also provides the public with information to promote the safe and appropriate use of biological products.

Duties/Responsibilities

The incumbent serves as the Consumer Safety Officer in the Division of Manufacturing and Products Quality (DMPQ) under the Office of Biologics Quality (OCBQ) within CBER. DMPQ is responsible for the review of facilities, equipment, manufacturing, controls and Good Manufacturing Product (GMP) related issues in biological applications, and supplements and inspections associated with the manufacturing of biological products. These biological products include vaccines and bacterials products, allergenics, plasma fractionated products, blood donor screening tests, and cellular and gene therapy products.

Specifically, the Consumer Safety Officer will:

- Handle submissions that are distinctly more difficult because of the technology, science, and the complex regulatory issues associated with these products.
- Serve as an expert in biological product manufacturing and provide written and verbal conclusions to FDA components and industry regarding compliance with CGMP regulations and FDA establishment standards.
- Identify and assess emerging or complex issues, advises supervisors of potential problem areas, and formulates appropriate responses.
- Possess experience with manufacturing facilities, manufacturing process, technological changes, quality systems and industrial changes in association with the review of submissions, the pre-license/approval inspections for these applications/supplements, and during FDA/industry meetings regarding the manufacturing and facilities for regulated biologic products.
- Apply specialized knowledge of the manufacture of biologic products in the analysis of complex technical and scientific issues identified in critical submissions, determining the best course of action based on a specialized knowledge of manufacturing and product quality.
- Serve as a subject matter expert across multiple subject areas demonstrating mastery level scientific knowledge and provides consultation to management and staff to address technical inquiries.
- Provide verbal and written conclusions regarding these reviews and inspections to FDA components and industry in the form of review memos and inspection reports.
- Serve on working groups to develop critical guidance for industry pertaining to the manufacture of biologic products.
- Participate in educating industry and FDA on such guidance through workshops for industry or presentations at industry/FDA conferences.
- Advise the branch, division and agency staff in the review and evaluation of manufacturing processes and facilities to ensure compliance with the laws and applicable regulations and ensure consistency.
- Maintain expert knowledge of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and noted amendments; the Public Health Service Act; and all other Acts enforced by the Agency, as well as the regulations and policies promulgated under these Acts used in the regulation of biologic products and devices.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Conditions of Employment

- U.S. Citizenship requirement or proof of being a U.S. National must be met by closing date.
- Employment is subject to the successful completion of a background investigation, verification of qualifications, completion of onboarding forms, submission of required documents, and any other job-related requirement before or after appointment.
- Applicants must meet all qualification requirements by the closing date of this announcement.
- Direct Deposit: You will be required to have all federal salary payments electronically deposited into a bank account with a financial institution of your choice.
- FDA participates in e-Verify: All new hires must complete the I-9 form; this information will be processed through e-Verify to determine your employment eligibility. If a discrepancy arises, you must take affirmative steps to resolve the matter.
- Males born after December 31, 1959 must be registered with the Selective Service.
- One year probationary period may be required.
- Financial Disclosure may be required.
- Ethics Clearance may be required.
- Background Investigation/Security Clearance is required. All employees must pass a security investigation.

Failing to pass the background check may be grounds for removal or legal action. If hired, you may be subject to additional investigations at a later time.

Qualifications

To be placed into a Cures position, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Scientific, Technical, and Professional Fields
2. Qualified and Outstanding Candidates
    a. ***Qualified*** applies to all candidates for Cures appointments. The FDA OTS will use the basic requirements defined in the OPM Qualification Standards as a baseline for comparing experience levels and other candidate attributes for relevant positions.
    b. ***Outstanding*** candidates can be defined by existing outstanding work experience, outstanding performance rating, or both.

In order to qualify for this Title 21 Cures position, the candidate(s) must meet the following **required** qualifications. *Please note: Additional education and experience listed that is not indicated as required is preferable and desired. Candidates who do not meet the "desired" criteria will not be excluded from consideration for this position.*

Education Requirement: 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: OPM Occupational Series Qualification Requirements

Desired Professional Experience:

a. Experience manufacturing of biologics, drugs or devices in compliance with CGMP; clean room facility design and/or operations; equipment and process design and validation; and/or manufacturing process deviation investigations.
b. Broad knowledge of laws, regulations, policies and guidance used in regulating biologics, drugs or devices and a comprehensive knowledge of those governing manufacturing procedures and product approval or licensing.

Education Transcripts

SUBMITTING YOUR TRANSCRIPTS: Positions which are scientific or technical in nature often have very specific educational requirements. A transcript is required to verify educational achievement. Pay careful attention to the Qualifications and Education sections to identify vacancies where a transcript is required. Even if you hold a similar position or are a current FDA employee, you are not exempt from transcript requirements.

FOREIGN EDUCATION: If you are using education completed in foreign colleges or universities to meet the qualification requirements, you must show that the education credentials have been evaluated by a private organization that specializes in interpretation of foreign education programs and such education has been deemed equivalent to that gained in an accredited U.S. education program; or full credit has been given for the courses at a U.S. accredited college or university. For more information about this requirement, please visit the U.S. Department of Education website for Foreign Education Evaluation.

Security Clearance Requirements

Background Investigation/Security Clearance Requirements: Background Investigation/Security Clearance is required. All employees must pass a security investigation. Failing to pass the background check may be grounds for removal or legal action. If hired, you may be subject to additional investigations at a later time.

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.

E-Verify

The Food and Drug Administration participates in the USCIS Electronic Employment Eligibility Verification Program (E-Verify). E-Verify helps employers determine employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security numbers.

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), a copy of your unofficial transcripts, SF50 (if applicable), latest PMAP (if applicable), and letter of interest with "**CURES CBER/OCBQ/DMPQ/Consumer Safety Officer**" in the subject line to: CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov. Applications will be accepted through **March 15, 2024.**

Announcement Contact

For questions regarding this Cures position, please contact CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov.

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