

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION

CFSAN Title 42 U.S.C. 209 (f) Job Opportunity Announcement

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) is a national leader in protecting and promoting public health. CFSAN is responsible for promoting and protecting the public's health by ensuring that the nation's food supply is safe, sanitary, wholesome, and honestly labeled, and that cosmetic products are safe and properly labeled.

Office: CFSAN/Office of Analytics and Outreach (OAO)

Information: This is an Excepted Service position under Title 42. This position will be filled as a Title 42 209 (f) appointment. This appointment does not confer entitlement to a position in the competitive service and not entitlement to Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) appeal rights. *(Appropriate for employees in occupational group 0601). FDA employees equivalent to the GS-15 level or higher, SBRBPAS, T42(f) including PHS Commissioned Corps Officers are encouraged to apply).*

Position/Series/Grade: Senior Advisor Intentional Adulteration, RF-0601-00

Salary: Commensurate with experience and education

Area of Consideration: Applications will be accepted from all qualified candidates; multiple selections may be made.

Open Period: 06/06/2024 – 06/20/2024

Duty Location: Remote

BUS: Non-Bargaining Unit Position

Relocation Expenses: *Travel expenses maybe paid.*

Duties of the Position: As Senior Advisor for Intentional Adulteration provides scientific and technical expertise in the development of FDA's intentional adulteration program policies guidelines and regulation and the conduct of vulnerability assessments to identify combinations of production practices and foods that are considered to be high risk for intentional adulteration.

- As a recognized expert in food defense and bioterrorism, provides scientific and technical expertise to the Center and FDA on evolving issues, policies and potential threats which may make the food supply vulnerable to intentional contamination.
- Provides policy, scientific and technical advice and assistance to the industry and to other Federal, State, local, and foreign government public health officials on FDA's food defense programs and policies and on final rules on intentional adulteration promulgated pursuant to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.
- Provides direction and reviews responses to correspondence from the regulated industry, Congress, and other interested persons on issues that are industry-wide

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in scope and that concern precedent-setting interpretations with respect to food defense and intentional contamination.

- Represents the Office and Center Director and makes presentations at conferences and professional meetings in the U.S. and overseas before the regulated industry and other stakeholders on topics pertaining to food defense and intentional adulteration. These presentations communicate current policy developments at FDA and serve as a means to encourage dialogue on issues of mutual concern. The incumbent sometimes serves at the meetings as the FDA sole representative.
- Serves as a spokesperson for the Office, the Center, and Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods on matters pertaining to food defense and intentional adulteration.
- Facilitates, in partnership with the other CFSAN and FDA components and CFSAN Centers of Excellence development of a research program that will provide information in support of sound, science-based decisions regarding protection of the food supply from intentional adulteration.
- Provides scientific guidance and or/training to specialists and other professionals within FDA on regulatory policies and decisions affecting food defense and intentional adulteration.
- Advises the Office Director, the Center and Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods on the need for new regulations or policies or revisions to existing regulations or protect the food supply from intentional contamination.
- Develops and coordinates communication strategies, plans and training to ensure that stakeholders understand the final rules for intentional contamination.
- Supports the Office Director, the Center, and Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods in the formulation of short- and long-range priorities and objectives for food defense program.
- Represents the Office Director in dealing and negotiating with individuals representing organizations such as Congress; other Federal agencies; State, local and foreign government agencies; the regulated industry; professional and industry organizations; and public interest groups.
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Required Basic Qualifications:

To qualify as OAO Senior Advisor Intentional Adulteration, you must:

1. Be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Non-Citizen with residency status in the US, three (3) out of the last five (5) years.

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2. Have a Ph.D., M.D., D.V.M., D.D.S., D.M.D., Sc.D., or other research doctoral degree widely recognized in U.S. academe as equivalent to a Ph.D. in either of the following:

Series 601:

Bachelor’s or graduate/higher level degree: major study in an academic field related to the medical field, health sciences or allied sciences appropriate to the work of the position. This degree must be from an educational program from an accrediting body recognized by the [U.S. Department of Education\(external link\)](#) at the time the degree was obtained.

Evaluation of Experience for Grants Administration Positions:

For positions at grades GS-12 and above involved in professional work in grants administration, qualifying experience is considered to be experience in grants administration in areas of science, medical and healthcare fields similar or related to the work of the position. Such experience must have involved professional judgment of a kind and level of difficulty and responsibility essential to successful performance in the position to be filled.

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 further information, visit: <http://www.ed.gov>.

In addition, Qualified applicants must demonstrate specialized experience at the same grade as this posting to be considered for this opportunity. In order to qualify, resumes must clearly demonstrate experience in the context of the specialized experience below:

Specialized Experience: Applicants must have specialized experience performing the following: Developing food defense plans, interpreting policy, and/or training on FDA’s final rule: “Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration.”

Application Procedures: To be considered for this opportunity, candidates **must** submit a CV or resume narrative addressing the qualification requirements, cover letter, transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient for the application process), *and a copy of their SF-50* (Notification of Personnel Action) identifying the pay plan, series, grade and tenure, electronically to: CFSANExecutiveRecruitment@fda.hhs.gov with the subject line, “OAO Senior Advisor Intentional Adulteration.” All applications and required documentation must be received by **11:59 p.m. (EST) on June 20th, 2024.**

Conditions of Employment:

1. A one-year probationary period may be required.
2. Candidate must be a U.S. citizen.
3. If selected, official transcripts will be required.

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4. An OGE-450 Financial Disclosure statement may be required: Please be advised that this position may be subject to FDA's prohibited financial interest regulation and may require the incumbent of this position to divest of certain financial interests. Applicants are advised to seek additional information on this requirement from the hiring official before accepting this position.

Ethics Pre-Clearance required: 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 Financial 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.

Reasonable Accommodations

FDA provides reasonable accommodations to applicants/employees with disabilities. If you need accommodations for any part of the application process, please visit the *FDA Reasonable Accommodations & Accessibility* page.

The decision to grant reasonable accommodations is made on a case-by-case basis. The FDA actively encourages people with disabilities to apply for vacancies/developmental assignments with FDA.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

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.

To learn more, please consult the following resources:

- *Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office at OPM*
- *Office of Equal Opportunity*