

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION

ORS Staff Fellow Job Announcement Posting

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.

This position is located in the Methods Development Branch (MDB), Division of Analytical Chemistry (DAC), Office of Regulatory Science (ORS), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN). MDB develops analytical testing protocols for evaluating the migration of food packaging components to foods or food stimulants in order to facilitate submission and safety evaluation of indirect food additive petitions and notifications.

This position is within the Staff Fellow program. To read more about it please visit: [FDA's Staff Fellowship Program | FDA.](#)

Title/Grade/Series: Staff Fellow (Biologist) RG-0401, GS-12 equivalent

Open Period: 6/7/2024–6/18/2024

Location: College Park, MD

Salary: \$99,200 – 128,956

Duties of the Position

- Applies biological knowledge and experience to the assessment of food, dietary supplements, labeling, nutrition, colors, and/or cosmetics to assure their safety and effectiveness.
- Evaluates data and information from a variety of sources to determine the safety and effectiveness of food, dietary supplements, labeling, nutrition, colors and/or cosmetics.
- Interprets applicable scientific literature and study results to draw conclusions and make recommendations.
- Analyzes research protocols to determine if the appropriate experimental design was/will be employed in the collection of data.

Qualifications

Candidates must demonstrate that they meet one of the basic education requirements (a); advanced education requirements (b); and experience (c) as noted below:

A. BASIC QUALIFICATIONS, series 0401:

1. Degree: biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

Or

2. Combination of education and experience: Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

B. ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

In order to qualify as a Visiting Scientist, candidates must possess a valid working VISA. You must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent degree (e.g., MD, V.M.D., or Sc.D.) (must provide a copy of diploma or transcripts at time of application)

C. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:

Conducting, reviewing, or analyzing biological studies; AND Writing reports or publications of scientific findings.

Application Procedures

To be considered for this job opportunity, candidates must submit the following (1) resume (2) a written statement within application package that identifies whether the candidate is a US Citizen or National; (3) and a copy of transcripts demonstrating that the education as described in A and B are met by the closing date of this announcement.

Completed applications must be sent to the following email address:

JobsAtORS-CFSAN@fda.hhs.gov

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.

Expanded/Maximum telework Posture

Due to COVID-19, the agency is currently in a maximum telework posture. If selected, you may be expected to telework upon your appointment. As employees are permitted to return to the office, you may be required to report to the duty station listed on this announcement within 30 calendar days of receiving notice to do so, even if your home/temporary telework site is located outside the local commuting area. Your position may be eligible for workplace flexibilities which may include remote work or telework options, and/or flexible work scheduling. These flexibilities may be requested in accordance with the HHS Workplace Flexibilities policy.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

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To learn more, please consult the following resources:

- [Equal Employment Opportunity \(EEO\) office at OPM](#)
- [Office of Equal Opportunity](#)