



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 Regulatory Operations (ORO)
Division of Information Technology (DIT)
Technology Integration and Delivery Branch (TIDB)

Application Period: July 8, 2024 – July 22, 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: Information Technologist

Series: 2210

Location(s): Remote

Salary: Starting at \$117,962 and is set commensurate with education and experience.

Work Schedule: Full Time

Title 21 Pay Table & Band: Table 1, Band C

Full Performance Band Level: Band C

Travel Requirements: Less than 25%

Bargaining Unit: 3591

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.

The Office of Regulatory Operations (ORO) is responsible for managing the review process and associated activities used to support CBER in facilitating the regulation and review of biological products, drugs, devices, and combination products. These responsibilities include development and governance of regulatory business processes; data standards; regulatory data analysis; program evaluation; resource utilization; user fee management; electronic submission management; and special initiatives. ORO manages CBER's Information Technology investments throughout their lifecycle to support and ensure CBER's review, scientific, and administrative needs are met.

Duties/Responsibilities

The incumbent serves as an Information Technologist in the Technology Integration and Delivery Branch (TIDB), Division of Information Technology (DIT) in ORO.

Specifically, the Information Technologist will:

- Coordinate and integrate the planning, programming, development, oversight, scheduling, and overall management of resources for major multi-phase projects.
- Lead multi-disciplinary Integrated Project Teams (IPTs) to define, plan, manage and implement IT solutions.
- Evaluate, understand, and advise IT directions when presented with multiple technical options.
- Identify and assess emerging complex IT issues, advises the Division of Information Technology Director and staff, of potential and emerging problem areas and the need to formulate appropriate program and/or project responses.
- Perform analytical studies involving issues related to key agency programs and/or programs impacting one or several major agencies.
- Serve as the CBER liaison for the CBER review community on the Center's implementation of information management programs.
- Perform special assignments on behalf of the ORO Director. These assignments are often on an unscheduled basis and of complex nature and may be initiated by special information management review problems or needs of various operating components of the Center.

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.
- 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 for more info.
- 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 below Education/Graduate Training Requirements 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.*

Title 21 Job Family Description: This job family covers positions that manage, supervise, lead, administer, develop, deliver, and support information technology (IT) systems and services. This series covers only those positions for which the paramount requirement is knowledge of IT principles, concepts, and methods. Information technology refers to systems and services used in the automated acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, assurance, or reception of information. Information technology includes computers, network components, peripheral equipment, software, firmware, services, and related resources. This series covers, but is not limited to, the following specialties:

- Policy and Planning
- Enterprise Architecture
- Security
- Systems Analysis
- Applications Software
- Operating Systems
- Network Services
- Data Management
- Digital Technologies
- Systems Administration
- Customer Support
- Business Architecture
- Systems/Services Architecture
- Data Architecture
- Master Data Management
- IT Project Management
- IT Transformation Services
- Innovation Management
- Emerging Technologies Management
- User Experience

Title 21 Minimum Qualifications:

Education: A bachelor’s degree or higher in a computer science, cybersecurity, information science, information systems management, technology, engineering field. The degree must be from an accredited program or institution.

OR

Experience requirements include at least one of the following:

- Experience that demonstrates knowledge of the software design, development, and testing lifecycle.
- Experience that demonstrates knowledge of enterprise architecture, business architecture, systems architecture, service-oriented architecture, or data architecture; or frameworks of the same.
- Experience that demonstrates knowledge of IT management, IT helpdesk support, system integration, IT project management, IT Finance or IT Acquisitions.
- Experience that demonstrates knowledge of managing IT transformation programs, managing IT innovation programs, or implementing disruptive technologies.
- Experience that demonstrates basic knowledge of technology and data processing functions, data extraction, transformation, loading, automation, and other aspects of data management.
- Demonstrated ability to meet the standards of a skills assessment test to be administered by the agency during the candidate process (i.e., preemployment).
- Experience that demonstrates knowledge of the user experience design, development, and testing lifecycle.

Experience may have been gained in work such as CIO/CTO/other IT executive, IT manager, IT services manager, enterprise transition manager/planner, enterprise architect, business analyst, systems integrator, systems administrator, programmer, program analyst, or other positions that required the management of, use, or adaptation of computer programs and systems.

Position's Desired Skills, Experience, or Education:

- Experience with systems integration including creation and update of interface documentation.
- Experience with DataBase migrations and multiple database technologies. Specifically with planning, execution and post data validation(s).
- Experience with analytical reporting tools

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), SF50 (if applicable), latest PMAP (if applicable), copy of your unofficial transcripts, and letter of interest with “**Title 21 CBER/ORO/DIT/TIDB Information Technologist, Band C**” in the subject line to: CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov. Applications will be accepted through 7/22/2024.

Announcement Contact

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

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