



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 Therapeutic Products (OTP)
Office of Clinical Evaluation (OCE)

Application Period: August 19, 2024 – November 30, 2024

Area of Consideration: FDA-wide, 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: Physician

*Multiple selections can be made from this announcement.

Location(s): White Oak Campus, Silver Spring, MD. 24145-0031.

Work Schedule: Full Time

Telework Eligible: Yes – as determined by agency policy

Title 21 Band(s): Band C

Travel Requirements: Up to 25%

Bargaining Unit: 3591

Series: 0602 (Physician)

Salary: 0602 (Physician) Starting at \$165,000 and is set to commensurate with education and experience.

Full Performance Band Level: Band C

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 a Physician within the Office of Clinical Evaluation (OCE), Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP). The Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP) is a newly established Super Office within CBER which is responsible for the continued safety, purity, potency, and effectiveness of cellular, tissue, and gene therapies, plasma protein therapeutics, and other products regulated by OTP. The Physician will serve as a clinical reviewer who is a reviewer and advisor to OCE, OTP and other Center senior staff for the evaluation of the safety and effectiveness of novel biologic cell and gene therapies, plasma derived protein therapeutics, certain medical devices, and other OTP regulated medical products.

Specifically, the Physician will:

- Perform the regulatory review of a variety of regulatory submissions across the product development cycle to include but not limited to Pre-INDs, INDs, IDEs, BLAs and their amendments and supplements, and PMAs, and 510(k)s.
- Review the available literature and through their experience and knowledge, evaluate the proposed trial(s) to determine the risks and its potential benefits, and reviews the design of the protocol(s) for its ability to test the clinical hypothesis established for the study and to generate data that will be useful in the determination of its safety and effectiveness.
- Provide advice and make recommendations to sponsors on such matters as, the design of clinical studies for OTP regulated products such as cellular and gene therapy products and plasma protein derived products, both verbally and in writing.
- Analyze and determine the adequacy of clinical trial data submitted by the sponsor/applicants to support the safety and efficacy of cellular and gene therapy products, plasma protein derived products, and other OTP regulated products.
- Recommend guidance to sponsors regarding all phases of clinical development and develops draft clinical guidelines and procedures, Federal register statements, and special projects.
- Determine the appropriateness of the design with respect to the objectives of the study and the development of the drugs or devices; assures that reviews are completed on time, that potential benefits are weighed against reasonably foreseeable risks to human subjects, and that proposals are developed; and provides guidance to sponsors in answering questions central to drug development in a timely and safe manner.
- Evaluate the safety and adequacy of routine clinical development of cellular and gene therapy products from the first administration in humans through large, definitive trials intended to establish safety and effectiveness.

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 supervisory 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.
- If you are serving or have served in the last 5 years (from 12/01/2023) as an Executive Branch political, Schedule C, or Non-career SES appointee, HHS/FDA may be required to obtain approval by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) prior to beginning employment. You can find out if you have held one of these appointment types by looking at your Standard Form 50s in your Electronic Official Personnel Folder (eOPF), in Section 5 where the legal authorities are listed. If you have served or are currently serving, you must provide a copy of your SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, documenting this appointment. In addition, you will be required to respond to the question in the assessment and certify your responses to the questionnaire. See [Political Appointee FAQ – OPM](#) for more.

Qualifications

To be placed into a Title 21 (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 Title 21 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: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=List-by-Occupational-Series>

Desired Education, Experience, or Skills:

- An ideal candidate would possess an active medical license in at least one state or U.S. federal jurisdiction.
- Knowledge and experience regarding FDA scientific and review policies is desirable.
- Experience in clinical trial design, analysis, and/or regulation is desirable.
 - Neurology
 - Hematology-Oncology
 - Medical Oncology (adult)
 - Endocrinology
 - Medical Genetics
 - Ophthalmology

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), unofficial transcripts and letter of interest with **"CURES CBER/OTP/OCE**

Physician” in the subject line to: CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov. **Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2024.**

Announcement Contact

For questions regarding this Title 21 (Cures) position, please contact CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov.

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