



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 Management (OM)
Division of Management Planning and Analysis (DMPA)
Planning, Performance and Formulation Branch (PPFB)

Application Period: August 30, 2024 – September 20, 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: Branch Chief (Supervisory Management and Program Analyst)

Series: 0343

Location(s): Remote eligible

Salary: starting at \$139,395 and is set commensurate with education and experience.

Work Schedule: Full-time

Telework Eligible: Yes – as determined by agency policy.

Cures Band: D

Full Performance Band Level (FPBL): D

Competitive Service: Yes

Type of Appointment: Permanent

Travel Requirements: 25% or less

Bargaining Unit: 8888

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. 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 Management leads procedural and process changes through developing and applying new strategies to emerging problems and new management initiatives, allocating dollars and staff resources to CBER's program offices, monitoring their usage, and setting priorities to improve the level of customer service and program performance to meet CBER's goal of protecting and promoting the public health. OM directs and monitors human resources, budget, payroll, space issues, provides administrative and technical support for advisory committee meetings, as well as provides laboratory and equipment support. In supporting the mission of the agency, OM develops, maintains, and supports a high quality and diverse workforce.

Duties/Responsibilities

The incumbent serves as the Branch Chief of the Planning, Performance, and Formulation Branch (PPFB) within the Division of Management Planning and Analysis (DMPA) and manages the daily operations of the Branch. This position reports to the Director of DMPA. PPFB monitors the development and operation of planning systems for Center activities and resource allocations including budget formulation, and advises the Center Director on Center administrative policies and guidelines; directs and counsels Center Senior Management through program evaluation, planning and forecasting; plans Center operations for financial and personnel management and Office services; directs Center organization and management programs; and manages studies designed to improve processes and resource allocations in the Center.

Specifically, the Branch Chief will:

- Provide comprehensive management of the operational activities within PPFB which include budget formulation, programmatic performance measurement, strategic planning, and executive-level performance management.
- Direct work to ensure that key national and organizational goals, priorities, values, and other issues are considered in making program decisions.
- Exercise leadership to implement and to ensure that the Center and Agency mission and strategic vision are reflected in the management of its people.
- Identify and integrate key issues affecting the organization including political, technological, and administrative factors.
- Understand the roles and relationships of the components of the national policy making and implementation process, including the President, political appointees, Congress, the judiciary, and relevant interest groups.
- Formulate and develop CBER budget requests and submissions to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), FDA, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congress.
- Facilitate effective engagement with stakeholders in the congressional appropriations process.
- Direct all strategic planning and performance measurement activities for CBER.
- Oversee the executive performance management process for SES and SES-equivalent executives within the organization.
- Exercise leadership and motivate managers to incorporate vision, strategic planning, and elements of quality management into the full range of CBER's activities.
- Establish program/policy goals and the structure and processes necessary to implement the organization's mission and strategic vision. Inherent in the process is ensuring that programs and policies are being implemented and adjusted as necessary, that the appropriate results are being achieved, and that a process for continually examining the quality of program activities is in place.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

Organizational Management: Manages a Branch.

Program Management: Runs a program of singular discipline focus in the Center. Oversees or coordinates multiple functional activities.

Resource Management: Monitors and reports on resources needed to run a Branch in the Center.

Personnel Performance Management: Counsels and rates immediate subordinates.

Human Capital Management: Identifies employee competency gaps.

Conditions of Employment

- U.S. Citizenship requirement or proof of being a U.S. National must be met by closing date.
- The candidate selected for this position will serve under a career or career-conditional appointment within the competitive service.
- 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. Please go to <http://www.sss.gov> for more information.
- One-year probationary period may be required.
- Financial Disclosure may be required.
- Ethics Clearance may be required.
- Background Investigation Requirement: 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.
- Certification of Accuracy: All information concerning eligibility and qualification is subject to investigation and verification. False representation may be grounds for non-consideration, non-selection, or appropriate legal action.
- **If you are serving, or have served in the last 5 years 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 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:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=List-by-Occupational-Series>

Desired Professional Experience, Skills, or Education:

- Leadership coaching, training, or certification.
- Prior management and/or operations experience with the federal government.
- Expertise in budget formulation, congressional/legislative affairs, strategic planning, and/or performance

- management.
- Ability to build and work effectively within teams.
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse staff and stakeholders.
- Ability to prioritize and make critical decisions.

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.

This is a Title 21 announcement. Traditional rating and ranking of applications, and veterans' preference does not apply to this vacancy. You will be evaluated against the basic qualifications and if found qualified, you will be referred to the Hiring Manager for consideration.

How to Apply

Please submit electronic resume or curriculum vitae (please be sure to clearly define the number of years using month and year completed, in addition to describing duties performed during that time period), SF-50 (if applicable), latest PMAP (if applicable), and letter of interest with **“CURES CBER/OM/DMPA/PPFB Branch Chief – September 2024”** in the subject line to: CBERHumanCapital@fda.hhs.gov. Applications will be accepted through **September 20, 2024**.

Announcement Contact

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

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