

**REIMBURSABLE DETAIL  
FDA Center for Tobacco Products**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), Office of Health Communication and Education (OHCE) is offering a Detail opportunity for Supervisory Health Scientist, GS-0601-14. Applicants and current employees at the GS-13 and GS-14 levels are encouraged to apply. The Detail is available for a period of up to 120 days, with possible multiple rotations. PHS Commissioned Corps Officers may apply. A Temporary Promotion may be considered.

**Bargaining Unit Status:**                      **Non-Bargaining Unit Position**

**Position:**    Supervisory Health Scientist

**Office Location:**                                      Remote

**Opening Date:**                                      **September 9, 2024**  
**Closing Date:**                                      **September 18, 2024**

**Area of Consideration:**                      **FDA-wide**

The CTP offers a fast-paced, dynamic environment and an opportunity to work with dedicated, energetic people who really want to make a difference and improve public health. The OHCE is the central point for communication about CTP's activities, public education campaigns, and key messages to provide information about the regulation of tobacco products, the health risks associated with tobacco use, and the benefits of quitting or never starting to use tobacco.

**Duties include:**

The selected employee will serve on Supervisory Health Scientist for the Evaluation Team in the Division of Research and Evaluation (DRE) in OHCE.

The duties may include:

- Serves as a recognized expert in health sciences for CTP/OHCE with responsibility for appraising programs and initiating requirements for health science studies. Assignments are of such breadth as to cover complex problems in public health issues and/or research, development, and evaluations.
- Leads and oversees research programmatic areas to promote public health using communication science approaches; tobacco-relevant areas include youth tobacco prevention, adult tobacco cessation or quitting, promotion of health equity, and identifying effective public education strategies using diverse channels and platforms (e.g., digital and social outlets).
- Leads and oversees staff in the design, implementation, and conduct of scientific studies, including survey studies, longitudinal cohort studies, focus groups and interview studies, intervention studies or randomized controlled trials, panel studies, and other studies to promote public health.

- Identifies and analyzes public health issues and their impact on scientific operations that are critical to the public health community at large.
- Analyzes data utilizing new methodologies or existing techniques that have been extensively revised.
- Provides expert advice and assistance for public health projects or studies. Consults with epidemiologists, statisticians, and public health professionals concerning on-going and established studies or other projects where extensive methodological or subject matter interpretation is required.
- Provides advice on programming software used in survey data and other data analyses.

**Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

- Demonstrated knowledge of administrative and human resources management functions relative to staff supervised.
- Demonstrated knowledge of tobacco regulatory policies, tobacco prevention and interventions, social science theories, public health frameworks, and health equity.
- Expertise in the coordination and integration of important and complex programs of professional, scientific, technical, or managerial work.
- Expertise in health communications and marketing principles, methods, practices, research, and techniques; analytical methods; and interpersonal relations practices as well as the ability to analyze scientific and technical information and translate it into language appropriate for the intended audience ensuring that the information is current and accurate.
- Expertise in primary and secondary data sources, environmental scanning, needs assessments, program evaluation, and health/risk communication to identify information gaps/needs and opportunities; define and analyze target audiences; and manage staff and partners to formulate communication and marketing strategies. Skill to apply this expertise to developing new methods and approaches in planning, integrating, and evaluating the overall health communication and marketing research and evaluation to support the organization's functional program.
- Extensive knowledge of the mission, goals, and objectives of the CTP and how they relate to the policies, practices, procedures, and regulations which affect the way the organization operates at the local, state, territorial, tribal nation, national, and international levels.
- Mastery of a wide range of qualitative and/or quantitative methods for the assessment and improvement of program effectiveness or the improvement of complex management processes and systems.
- Extensive knowledge in measurement and scale development, including item-writing, item response theory, factor analysis, standardization, reliability analyses, and validity analyses.

**Application Procedure:**

Supervisory concurrence should be obtained if selected for this Detail. The Detail opportunity is open to all candidates qualified at the GS-13 and/or GS-14 grade levels or Commissioned Corps Officers (O5/O6).

Please enter **Detail: CTP, OHCE Supervisory Health Scientist (September)** in the subject line of e-mail.

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their resume, most recent copy of SF-50, copy of their transcripts, and statement of interest via email to: [CTP-Recruitment@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CTP-Recruitment@fda.hhs.gov).

Detail is reimbursable.

Travel Expenses will not be paid.

**Candidates must express interest by September 18, 2024.**

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