

OGD Virtual Hiring Event Q&A

Q: How can I come to know that my Resume/CV has been selected for the further Process of hiring "If the Group is Interested"?

A: All resumes are in the process of being triaged and reviewed by our staff. If they are interested, they will contact you directly.

Q: I wanted to check regarding the pharmacologist position in OGD

A: Please go to www.fda.gov/gdufahiring for the most up to date Pharmacologist announcement.

Q: Are there any openings for green card holders (Permanent residents)?

A: Positions available for Green Card holders are under our Title 42 program. Under this program we seek those with experience in Pharmacology, Toxicology, and Chemistry.

Q: I am a pharmacist interested to work with your office, how will this OGD program help my employment?

A: As a Pharmacist in OGD, you will gain a wealth of knowledge and serve a greater purpose, of assisting in our mission to make generic drugs available to the American public. The therapeutic knowledge of drug products obtained in pharmacy school and experience as a Pharmacist in the retail setting will lay the foundation for your job in OGD. As a Pharmacist, you will use this experience to oversee the Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) process. You will also serve as the primary point of contact between the FDA and the applicants.

Q: Currently it shows closed so wanted to check whether pharmacologist positions are currently open??

A: Although the announcement is currently closed, we are always reviewing resumes for the position. We recommend to check the www.fda.gov/gdufahiring site often for updates and openings for the position.

Q: Is there a time frame to receive a notice if one is being considered for a position?

A: There is no specific time frame to receive a notice on consideration for the position. The resumes are triaged and reviewed by our staff, if they are interested, they will contact you directly.

Q: Do i still apply at usajobs after submitting my resume? If so under which announcement or control number

A: You may still apply to the announcement, go to www.fda.gov/gdufahiring and select the position to view our current announcement for your discipline.

Q: Would you recommend that the resume contain information on immigration status such as a permanent resident

A: Yes, we recommend you indicate your immigration status on your resume for appropriate position selection.

Q: Brandy Sims: I sent my resume when I registered for this event and applied for the nurse consultant position on USA jobs, will FDA begin the hiring process after this event

A. The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers, if they are interested they will contact you directly.

Q: When is the hiring period over?

A: Hiring will continue on a rolling basis, until we have met our needs.

Q: Can you please provide the email for CV submitting again?

A. Resumes can be sent to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: When will these GDUFA's positions available on USAJOBS site?

A: These positions are announced through USAJobs. We recommend going to www.fda.gov/gdufahiring to direct you to the correct announcement.

Q: Is it possible to apply for a position in FDA without green card?

A: If you are a U.S. Citizen you may apply for a position without a green card. If you are not a U.S. Citizen, a Green Card, or Visa will be required.

Q: what is the timelines for decision regarding the pharmacologist position?

A: There is no official timeline. The position will be filled on a rolling basis until our hiring needs are met.

Q: USAJobs is only for US citizens but I am a permanent resident so how do we apply

A: To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: how do we follow up on application status

A: Once you apply to USAjobs, USAjobs will provide you email updates on the status of the application.

Q: are you hiring biologist

A: At this time, OGD is not hiring Biologists. We recommend checking www.fda.gov/gdufahiring for this position's availability in other organizations.

Q: where will i find staff fellow positions?

A; To apply for a Staff Fellow position, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: My PhD degree name is not Pharmacology, but my thesis work involved pharmacology work, am I qualified to apply for pharmacology related positions?

A: The following are the requirements for the Pharmacologist (0405) series. More information on this can be found at www.opm.gov

Degree: major in an appropriate biological, medical, veterinary, or physical science, or in pharmacy that included at least 30 semester hours in chemistry and physiology and 12 semester hours in pharmacology.

Evaluation of Education: The positions in this series are multidisciplinary positions, since the work involves the application of a scientific knowledge of biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, and such related sciences as microbiology, biophysics, genetics, mathematics, and statistics.

Courses in chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, general physiology, and animal, human, microbial, or cellular physiology may be used to meet the 30-semester-hour requirement in chemistry and physiology. Under some circumstances, i.e., where the course work provided additional insight into the biophysical, biochemical, and physiological relationships involved, courses in such subjects as cytology, embryology, cellular or microbial genetics, and biophysics may be used to meet this requirement.

Courses in pharmacology, pharmacodynamics, pharmacotherapeutic, molecular pharmacology, and other similar subjects may be used to meet the 12-semester-hour requirement in pharmacology. Courses dealing intensively with pharmacologically-oriented subjects may also be used to meet this requirement.

Q: How soon after this virtual hiring event can we expect to hear whether or not we have been selected?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers, if they are interested they will contact you directly.

Q: Is a higher grade 12 positions available for pharmacist positions can i still apply

A: You will want to review the qualifications for each grade level under the position. Please see the below information for the announcement:

For GS-12:

Applicants must possess one (1) year of professional pharmacy specialized experience equivalent to the GS-11 grade level or equivalent band level in the Federal service which has equipped you with the specific knowledge, skill and ability to perform successfully in this position, coordinating and managing the activities of medical project areas and evaluating the progress to ensure timely completion; evaluating and interpreting contents of submitted professional and consumer labeling information; preparing written analyses and evaluation for professionals and participates in discussions; gathering information, identifying problems and developing scientific, risk-based approaches to assignments which are appropriate and consistent with office policy.

For GS-13:

Applicants must possess one (1) year of professional pharmacy specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 grade level or equivalent band level in the Federal service which has equipped you with the specific knowledge, skill and ability to perform successfully in this position, coordinating and managing the activities of medical project areas and evaluating the progress to ensure timely completion; evaluating and interpreting contents of submitted professional and consumer labeling information; prepare written analyses and evaluation for professionals and participates in discussions; gathering information, identifying problems and developing scientific, risk-based approaches to assignments which are appropriate and consistent with office policy; AND/OR providing advice, consultation, and assistance on post-marketing surveillance of drug products and their applications; preparing summaries describing clinical assessment of adverse reaction analyses; and contributing to the development and improvement of procedures for post-marketing surveillance and the processing and evaluation of adverse drug product reaction reports.

Q: What advice do you have for someone who is not in a government position and has never been for applying for position at FDA?

A: We recommend doing as much research about the position and office as possible. A good place to start would be to go to www.opm.gov first to view the Position Qualifications for the Position/Series you are interested in applying for. This will provide you information on the qualifications, and assist you identify items you will want to highlight on your resume. You can also use the resume creator tool on USAjobs.gov. Furthermore, view www.fda.gov/gdufahiring to get information on our current positions available.

Q: I have applied that I am from India. Is that ok or have to mention in separately

A: You should indicate on your resume your location and citizenship status for appropriate position selection.

Q: Hi I have sent my CV for chemist role, who and what info discuss now here?

A: During our hiring fair, you will want to listen to information from our Office of Research Standards. This office focuses on therapeutic performance research and the other on quantitative methods and modeling.

Q: Are multiple departments looking for pharmacists?

A: Yes, multiple divisions within OGD are hiring Pharmacists.

Q: Are you recruiting Inspectors?

A: OGD does not recruit Inspectors. We recommend visiting positions under ORA.

Q: Hello, I am applying for pharmacist position. I submitted this position thru usajob. Do I have to resubmit the application?

A: If you have already applied to USAjobs, you do not need to submit a new application. Please be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov.

Q: Hello, Does it help if we have references in FDA/advisors who have worked there?

A: If you are selected, and we begin seeking references: All references will need to be from the outside of FDA.

Q: I submitted my CV can I resubmit in the correct resume format posted on USAJOB

A: Yes, you may submit the format used on USAjobs.

Q: There is no email address available in the confirmation email. Can you provide again

A: Resumes can be sent to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: Good afternoon, I have submitted my resume to the email address provided. I understand that the next steps would be to submit my application to USAjobs. What typically is the turnaround time to hear back?

A: There is not a specific turnaround time. Once you apply to USAjobs, USAjobs will send email notifications on the application status as it becomes available.

Q: Would it be reasonable to assume that only qualified candidate(s) will receive e-mail from the review staff?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers, if they are interested they will contact you directly.

Q: Can one apply for more than one position?

A: You may apply for more than one position. We recommend you view the qualifications for those positions, and ensure your qualifications meet both positions.

Q: I am a new Pharm.D. Graduate. I had sent my CV to the FDA a few weeks back. I would like to apply for a pharmacist position. Will I be considered for the position if I am on a student visa. I will have 1 year of work permit (OPT).

A: To apply for a Visa position, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: will I receive a confirmation email after sending the resume?

Q. Yes, once you send your resume you will receive the following confirmation:

“Thank you for submitting your resume. You will be contacted by an office representative should your resume meet our recruitment needs. Please note, by submitting your resume to this email account does not mean you have applied to a position. You will still need to apply through USAjobs and can view the open GDUFA announcements at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring”

Q: Hello, is OGD hiring PMF's? Where can PMF's send their resume?

A. All current announcements can be viewed at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring

Q: when will the presentation be made available for access after the live viewing?

A: Presentation will remain available on www.fda.gov/gdufahiring

Q: What is the approximate time to come on board starting from interview to start working for FDA?

A: The time frame can vary depending on the needs of the position, and the application status.

Q: seems that pharmacologist positions are closed. Do you know how I can apply for these positions at this time?

A: We recommend visiting www.fda.gov/gdufahiring often to check back for updates. In the meantime, you may submit your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: Hello and thank you for this event! I submitted my resume to your email as instructed by you. Should I still apply for each position in the FDA website or this is sufficient? Also sometime we need to highlight certain skills and background to meet the position of interest then can I submit another resume? Thanks

A: If you have already applied to USAJobs, you do not need to submit a new application. Please be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov. You should view the position announcement, and highlight skills on your resume that are relevant and of value to the announced position.

Q: the office of research and standards mentioned openings for pharmaceutical scientists; will these positions be listed soon?

A: When applying to jobs for this office, announcements will fall under the Medical Officer, Chemistry or Pharmacology category. Please apply to the position that best meets your qualifications.

Q: I have sent my resume for OGD-HRUA mail id for the vacancies. May I know when there will be a recruitment?

A: We recommend visiting www.fda.gov/gdufahiring often to check back for updates on the current position.

Q: will I receive a confirmation email after sending the resume?

A: Yes, once you send your resume you will receive the following confirmation:

“Thank you for submitting your resume. You will be contacted by an office representative should your resume meet our recruitment needs. Please note, by submitting your resume to this email account does not mean you have applied to a position. You will still need to apply through USAjobs and can view the open GDUFA announcements at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring”

Q: So will we be hired after attending this virtual event?

A: Your resume will be evaluated by our hiring managers. If your qualifications and experience meet our needs, you will be contacted by them directly for further consideration.

Q: I am very interested in working in FDA and I have sent my resume many times but did not hear back anything yet. I am not citizen and don't know who I need to send my CV. I am clinical pharmacist.

A: Applying to the government can be a long process. Please be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov. We also recommend you view the position announcement, and highlight skills on your resume that are relevant and of value to the announced position.

Q: Hello, what time frame is the Office looking at to fill the needed roles?

A: We will be hiring on a rolling basis until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: Are there any informatics positions available?

A: OGD does not have any positions available in informatics.

Q: Will there be an interview to follow after the presentation?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: Are there any pharmacist in the office of bioequivalence?

A: Yes, there are Pharmacist positions available in this office.

Q: Can Permanent residents apply for Pharm

A: We do not have Green Card holder positions available at the Pharmacist position. However, if your qualifications meet another role, please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: Are there any virtual positions? Thank you.

A: Virtual positions are not available. All positions are located at the FDA Headquarters in White Oak, Maryland.

Q: When will OGD expect to fill all positions currently listed on its website?

A: We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: Can permanent residents apply for Pharmacist positions

A: We do not have Green Card holder positions available at the Pharmacist position. However, if your qualifications meet another role, please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: I recently obtained a masters in health informatics and am looking for positions related to my field of study.

A: Please visit www.fda.gov/gdufahiring to view our positions. Check the qualifications for each role to see what position would suit your experience.

Q: How to apply the positions in administration office, such as management analyst, analysts, and administrative officers mentioned previously?

A: Please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration.

Q: Are there any opening for those who have majored in chemistry ?

A: Please visit www.fda.gov/gdufahiring to view our positions. Check the qualifications for each role to see what position would suit your experience.

Q: hi just learning that consumer safety not included can i resend my resume or the GDU positions and to which correct email address

A: Please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration.

Q: Would I be able to shadow a Consumer Safety Officer to see what they do in New Jersey, Philadelphia, or New York?

A: We do not offer a program such as this.

Q: hello! Are references useful?

A: References will be obtained after the interview process. They are required.

Q: Hello, how long does a typical hiring process take?

A: There is no specific time frame. The time frame can vary depending on the needs of the position, and the application status. We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: Should the resume be attached or in the body of the email?

A: Yes, please attach your resume to the email.

Q: How can I select with Division or Office I apply to?

A: The hiring managers will contact you based on where your needs best fit our mission. You can note in your email which division you prefer based on what you heard in our hiring event.

Q: Can a Green Card holder apply for a pharmacist position?

A: We do not have Green Card holder positions available at the Pharmacist position. However, if your qualifications meet another role, please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: Under USA jobs, do we look for OGD jobs?

A: To access announcements for CDER/OGD, please go to www.fda.gov/gdufahiring

Q: Hello, how long does a typical hiring process take?

A: There is not a specific timeframe; it can vary for many different reasons.

Q: What will be the order of occurrence? Send resume, waiting to hear from review staff, then given order to apply through USAJobs?

A: To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: I am not a citizen can i apply position on USAjobs site

A: To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: Hi I have applied for the Chemist position at FDA. I am currently cowlking for US Pharmacopeia for Compendia development laboratory.

A: Thank you. Please be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: If I want to update my resume, should I resend my resume to the email address or go to FDA website to update

A: Updated resumes can be sent to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: I have applied my resume. When will hear from you.

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: Will there be GS positions openings for Chemist GS-7 and GS-9

A: We do not currently have Chemist positions available at the GS-7 or GS-9 level.

Q: I have received application status IE. How do we know what criteria they took consideration for the application reviewing? Does after today's session application still be under consideration?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: do you review resumes submitted here and select candidates for interview?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: If your application for a job was not successful for the first time after an interview due to some reasons such as pending citizenship or else, would it affect your future application for a position for FDA? In other words, does FDA record all you application histories? Will them affect your next job applications?

A: Your former application history will not affect your next job application.

Q: I am not a citizen of USA . I am not able to login into USA jobs to look for the status of my application

A: To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: I have applied on USAJobs and send my resume for pharmacist and pharmacologist, what would be next?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: what is the next step after watching the Presentation?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: As a Non USA citizen. I have applied for the jobs in FDA. How can i know the status of my application?

A: If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: What type of role and impact can pharmacists make in the OGD?

A: As a Pharmacist in OGD, you will gain a wealth of knowledge and serve a greater purpose, of assisting in our mission to make generic drugs available to the American public. The therapeutic knowledge of drug products obtained in pharmacy school and experience as a Pharmacist in the retail setting will lay the foundation for your job in OGD. As a Pharmacist, you will use this experience to oversee the Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) process. You will also serve as the primary point of contact between the FDA and the applicants.

Q: how long does it take to be contacted after submitting the resume?

A: The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: how many pharmacists do you plan to hire?

A: We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: are there any contract based jobs for non-citizens (green card holders) in this event

A: We have positions available for Green Card holders. To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: Does attendance of this virtual hiring event and submission of resumes to the email address provided confer some kind of advantage during the review process?

A: This process gives our office an opportunity to view your resume and qualifications outside of USAjobs. It gives candidates an opportunity to stand out and reach our office specifically. The resumes are being triaged and reviewed by our hiring managers. If your resume meets our qualifications, the hiring managers will contact you directly for an interview.

Q: I just applied for the pharmacist position # FDA-CDER-15-DE-1397105DM. When is the cut off time for interview?

A: There is no specific time frame. The time frame can vary depending on the needs of the position, and the application status. We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: Can the vacancy announcements for FDA be provided in this event?

A: Vacancy announcements are available at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring

Q: I have already submitted my resume on Friday, do you have an alternative email address. Sidney Benjamin Stewart, thank you.

A: All resumes will be reviewed from OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: How long is the typical hiring process following a virtual event?

A: There is no specific time frame. The time frame can vary depending on the needs of the position, and the application status. We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: Of the applicants that applied for the vacant pharmacy positions, how many will be selected?

A: We will continue to hire until all our hiring needs have been met.

Q: A resume in PDF format is acceptable right? Thank You

A: Yes, this format is acceptable.

Q: If the jobs that suit your interests and qualifications are closed or not posted can you still send in a resume or does it have to be for a specific position?

A: Yes, please send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov

Q: Can you verify receipt of my resume while I'm online, thank you.

A: Once you send your resume you will receive the following confirmation:

“Thank you for submitting your resume. You will be contacted by an office representative should your resume meet our recruitment needs. Please note, by submitting your resume to this email account does not mean you have applied to a position. You will still need to apply through USAjobs and can view the open GDUFA announcements at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring”

Q: I'm a Hospital Clinical Pharmacist with the background of Medication Safety and Antibiotic Stewardship with the help of the softwares like TheraDoc, Sentri 7 interested in OGD division for a clinical Safety Surveillance Staff Position. Where will I find the posting for this position? Thanks

A: All positions are applied to through USAjobs. You can access them at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring. Be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for OGD consideration.

Q: If we are hired, how long is the training period?

A: The training period varies by discipline and division, however we estimate anywhere from 3-6 months depending on your role.

Q: For non- US Citizens, do we reply back to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov this email

A: To apply, you will send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for consideration. If the hiring manager is interested, they will contact you directly and walk you through the next steps of the process.

Q: Are all the positions have to be applied through USAJOBS?

A: All positions are applied to through USAjobs. You can access them at www.fda.gov/gdufahiring. Be sure to send your resume to OGD_GDUFA_Hiring@fda.hhs.gov for OGD consideration.