CFSAN Title 42 U.S.C. 209(f) for Director, Office of Food Additive Safety Job Opportunity Announcement

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) is a national leader in protecting and promoting public health. CFSAN is responsible for promoting and protecting the public's health by ensuring that the nation's food supply is safe, sanitary, wholesome, and honestly labeled, and that cosmetic products are safe and properly labeled. To learn more about CFSAN and the work we do, please click on the link: https://www.youtube.com/embed/olTyHjWe46w

Office: ***CFSAN/Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS)***

Information: This position is located within the Office of CFSAN's Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS). The Center has the principal responsibility for planning, developing, and administering policies and programs for protecting and promoting the public health by ensuring that the nation's food supply is safe, secure, sanitary, wholesome, and truthfully and otherwise properly labeled, and that cosmetic products are safe and truthfully and otherwise properly labeled.

This is an excepted service position under Title 42F. This position will be filled as a Title 42 209 (f) appointment. This appointment does not confer any entitlement to a position in the competitive service and may provide entitlement to Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) appeal rights. *(Appropriate for employees in occupational groups 400, 600 and 1300 series. FDA employees equivalent to the GS-15 level or higher, SBRBPAS, T42(f) including PHS Commissioned Corps Officers are encouraged to apply).*

Position/Series/Grade: Director, Office of Food Additive Safety

Salary: Salary to commensurate with experience

Area of Consideration Applications will be accepted from all qualified applicants

Open Period: January 3, 2023, to January 31, 2023

Duty Location: College Park, Maryland

BUS: This is a Non-bargaining Unit position

Travel Requirements: 25% of the Time

Relocation Expenses: Travel expenses will not be paid.

Duties of the Position:

- Provide executive leadership and managerial direction to professional, technical, and support personnel engaged in a variety of activities related to the planning, development, execution, and coordination of food additive and color additives programs.

- Assist the Deputy Commissioner for Foods and the Center Director in the development and implementation of program goals to ensure consistency with expectations of the Administration, Department, and Agency.

- Serve as principal liaison in developing and implementing nationwide programs pertaining to the safe use of food additives, food contact substances, color additives, Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) substances, and prior sanctioned substances.

- Participate in, and contribute to, top level Center and Agency activities involving policy matters and issues that cross organizational lines which have a major impact on the regulated industry, such as establishment of targets to reduce consumption of sodium, or the safety in use of recycled materials in food packaging.

- Represent the Center and FDA on committees and at professional meetings, both national and international and make commitments, suggestions and provide authoritative recommendations concerning policies, programs and the evaluation of scientific considerations involved in the safety of ingredients added to food.

- Serve as the principal Agency liaison on safety testing methodologies and protocol standards needed to evaluate the safety of food ingredients, food contact substances and GRAS with industry, Federal, State, foreign, and other organizations.

- Provide expert scientific and technical advice, guidance, interpretations, consultations, recommendations and assistance to the Center Director, key Agency and top level departmental officials, senior field and program directors, scientific and professional personnel, industry representatives, intra/inter-governmental counterparts and others concerning food additives, color additives, food contact substances, generally recognized as safe (GRAS) substances, and food processing equipment, including sources of radiation used to treat or inspect food, and foods derived from new plant varieties.

- As principal advisor to the Center Director, analyze and provide authoritative evaluation and recommendations concerning the initiation, curtailment, consolidation, or decentralization of programs and in the efficient deployment of allocated resources. Assist in the organizational structuring of functional responsibilities and work assignments to ensure the effective, efficient, and economical use of personnel and resources. Identify staff needs and assist in recruiting and retaining high quality managers and personnel. Evaluate budget estimates and justifications and make appropriate recommendations to the CFSAN Center Director and Deputy Commissioner for Foods.

- Represent the Agency and establish and maintain effective relationships in meetings and conferences with top level FDA and HHS officials, national/international industry representatives, Members of Congress, counterparts from other Federal, State, and local government agencies, foreign government representatives, academia, and consumer and other groups to: secure, exchange and provide information concerning critical issues; discuss questions, problems and issues involving policy and program considerations; present authoritative recommendations and conclusions reflecting the Agency's position on matters related to existing and proposed policies, programs, regulations, and proposed legislation; and to make decisions and commitments concerning programs, policies and evaluation of activities.

- Keep the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner for Foods, Center Director, Deputy Director, Executive Officer, and other CFSAN Office Directors fully informed of programs, resources, and related considerations that would bear on planning, development, administration, and management of the Center's review processes for food additives and color additives, food contact substances, and foods derived from new plant varieties.

Required Qualifications:

To qualify as the Director, OFAS, you must:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen, Permanent Resident, or Non-Citizen with residency status in the US, three (3) out of the last five (5) years.

2. Must have a Ph.D., M.D., D.V.M., D.D.S., D.M.D., Sc.D., or other research doctoral degree widely recognized in U.S. academe as equivalent to a Ph.D. in one or a combination of the following: biological sciences, food science, chemistry, physical sciences, food technology, toxicology. 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 further information, visit: http://www.ed.gov.

3. Experience leading a scientific and technical staff.

4. Experience that demonstrates the ability to communicate and effectively interact with senior level government officials and stakeholders.

5. Strong oral and written communication skills.

Application Procedures and Deadline: To be considered for this opportunity, candidates must submit a CV or resume narrative addressing the qualification requirements, cover letter, and transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient for the application process) and a copy of their Sf-50 (Notification of Personnel Action) identifying the pay plan, series, grade and tenure, electronically to: **CFSANExecutiveRecruitment@fda.hhs.gov** with the subject line, "OFAS Director application." **Applications must be received by 11:59 PM (EST) on January 31, 2023.**

Conditions of Employment:

1. A one-year probationary period may be required.
2. Candidate must be a U.S. citizen.
3. If selected, official transcripts will be required.
4. An OGE-450 Financial Disclosure statement may be required**:** Please be advised that this position may be subject to FDA's prohibited financial interest regulation and may require the incumbent of this position to divest of certain financial interests. Applicants are advised to seek additional information on this requirement from the hiring official before accepting this position.

Ethics pre-clearance required: This position is subject to strict prohibited financial interest regulations which could restrict the type of financial interest (stock holdings) for the employee, the spouse, and minor children of the employee. Selectee for this position will be required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE 450) and may require the selectee to obtain clearance from the FDA Division of Ethics and Integrity before a final offer can be made. For additional information on the prohibited financial interests, please visit the FDA Ethics and Integrity Office website at http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/Ethics/default.htm

Security and Background Requirements: If not previously completed a background security investigation will be required for all appointees. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements may be grounds for appropriate personnel action. In addition, if hired, a background security investigation or supplemental investigation may be required at a later time. Applicants are also advised that all information concerning qualification is subject to investigation. False representation may be grounds for non-selection and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

Reasonable Accommodations

FDA provides reasonable accommodations to applicants/employees with disabilities. If you need accommodations for any part of the application process, please visit the *FDA Reasonable Accommodations & Accessibility* page.

The decision to grant reasonable accommodations is made on a case-by-case basis. The FDA actively encourages people with disabilities to apply for vacancies/developmental assignments with FDA.

Expanded/Maximum telework Posture

Due to COVID-19, the agency is currently in a maximum telework posture. If selected, you may be expected to telework upon your appointment. As employees are permitted to return to the office, you may be required to report to the duty station listed on this announcement within 30 calendar days of receiving notice to do so, even if your home/temporary telework site is located outside the local commuting area. Your position may be eligible for workplace flexibilities which may include remote work or telework options, and/or flexible work scheduling. These flexibilities may be requested in accordance with the HHS Workplace Flexibilities policy.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

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.

To learn more, please consult the following resources:

- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office at OPM
- Office of Equal Opportunity