

# CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION

## Staff Fellow Job Announcement Posting

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.

Our employees consist of highly specialized experts to support staff that help safeguard more than \$1.5 trillion worth of food, cosmetics, and dietary supplements. CFSAN is seeking qualified candidates through the [FDA's Staff Fellowship Program](#).

To learn more about CFSAN and the work we do, please click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/oITyHjWe46w>

### Office

Office of Coordinated Outbreak and Response Evaluation Network (CORE), Signals and Analysis Staff (SAS).

The function of the Office is to strengthen and streamline FDA's approach to identifying, investigating, and responding to outbreaks of illness related to foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics, and to analyze and address the root causes of those outbreaks to prevent future outbreaks. CORE works to provide a safer food supply through a systematic, science-based approach to preparedness, early detection, rapid response, post-response investigations of food-, cosmetic-, and dietary supplement-related outbreaks of illness. CORE is responsible for managing outbreaks of illness related to foods, dietary supplements, and cosmetics from start to finish including: preparedness, surveillance and outbreak detection, outbreak response and investigation, and post response activities. The staff works internally with colleagues across FDA and externally with Federal, State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal governments to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of outbreak/incident response, leading to even better public health protection and preventive food safety policies.

### Open Period

6/8/22 to 6/17/22

### Location

Location Negotiable upon selection

## Salary

\$79,363 to \$122,683 (locality pay not included and will be determined by location upon selection)

## Duties of the Position

CORE's Signals and Analysis Staff has an immediate need to fill a Staff Fellow position to serve as an Epidemiologist/General Health Scientist who plans and conducts multiple scientific reviews and research studies focused on pathogens and/or outbreaks in food, cosmetics, and dietary supplements.

### Major duties include the following:

- Independently reviews and analyzes outbreak investigations related to food, dietary supplements, and cosmetics in order to determine potential outbreaks, the source of outbreaks and/or methods to prevent similar outbreaks in the future.
- Uses appropriate quantitative methods, with an understanding of the policy context, to develop questions, build statistical models, analyze data, and recommend risk-based actions and prevention strategies, and then carry these tasks to completion.
- Conducts predictive data analysis of outbreaks in order to guide CORE to recommend and implement preventive measures to reduce the frequency and impact of future outbreaks and clusters of illnesses using statistical, computational and/or mathematical methods.
- Interprets and communicates findings, either orally or written to scientific audiences in order to support public health policy decisions and program development.
- Disseminates results of research projects in a wide range of venues including publications, peer reviewed journals, summaries, manuscripts, and special reports.
- Presents results to the scientific community at professional meetings and conferences. Attends and participates in a variety of activities to enhance professional development, including, but not limited to, conferences and training courses.
- Verifies data, research, and reports of other professional staff. Evaluates, reviews, and analyzes complex data from internal and external sources. Assists or coordinates the work of others involved in identifying, analyzing, implementing, and conducting major scientific studies or projects to identify and solve highly specialized data findings associated with known or potential outbreaks and their impact on operations that are critical to the public health at large.
- Collaborates with scientists and program consultants within the agency and outside of the agency in order to conduct studies and projects to support multi-dimensional

epidemiologic or outbreak activities to contribute to the Office's mission. Incumbent participates as a principal in research studies and assists in complex studies.

## Qualifications

To qualify as a Staff Fellow, you must: be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Non-Citizen with residency status in the US, three (3) out of the last five (5) years; possess a doctoral-level degree from an accredited institution of higher learning, including: 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 limited instances a lower level of education and/or experience may be acceptable). In addition to the above, applicants must meet one of the following in (A) Basic Qualifications and (B) Experience. (Candidates who possess a Ph.D. and meet the basic qualifications (A) but do not have experience are still encouraged to apply).

### **A. BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must possess a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree with major study in an academic field related to the public health field, epidemiology, medical field, health sciences, or allied sciences appropriate to the work of the position. In addition to meeting the basic qualification requirements, applicants must meet the specialized experience as stated below.

### **B. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:**

Candidates must have specialized experience that includes at least one or more of the following. You must possess at least 1 year of specialized experience that includes:

- Experience in developing complex quantitative and semi-quantitative epidemiologic and scientific models needed for risk assessment, decision analyses, and/or related activities.
- Ability to develop, execute, present statistical, computation and/or mathematical models and analyze the results of complex outbreak-related studies and ability to interpret the findings.
- Experience in developing and communicating scientific findings to a broader audience by leading or assisting in the development of deliverables such as peer-reviewed manuscripts, public facing documents, and conference materials.

## Application Procedures

To be considered for this job opportunity, candidates must submit a resume and a copy of their transcripts demonstrating that the education and specialized experience qualifications (as noted above under qualification sections) are met by **11:59 p.m. (EST) on 6/17/2022 to: [Tavoia.Wilson@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Tavoia.Wilson@fda.hhs.gov) via email.**

## 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.

## Vaccination Information

To ensure compliance with an applicable preliminary nationwide injunction, which may be supplemented, modified, or vacated, depending on the course of ongoing litigation, the Federal Government will take no action to implement or enforce the COVID-19 vaccination requirement pursuant to Executive Order 14043 on Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees. Safer Federal Workforce Task Force guidance on other Federal agency safety protocols based on vaccination status—including guidance on protocols related to masking, distancing, travel, testing, and quarantine—remains in effect.

## 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](#)