

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 CFSAN employees within Office of Food Additive Safety (OFAS) consist of highly specialized experts that protect and enhance consumer health by ensuring the safety of substances added to food and food contact materials.

Open Period: 01/26/2022 to 02/10/2022

Location: College Park, MD

Salary: \$74,950 to 138,868 (Locality included)

Duties of the Position:

- Serves as a technical expert and advisor to firms consulting with FDA on the safety and regulatory compliance of foods derived from new plant varieties.
- Applies biological knowledge and experience to the assessment of foods derived from new plant varieties to assure their safety.
- Evaluates molecular characterization, genetic stability, and food composition data and information submitted by developers to determine the safety of food from new plant varieties and prepares written review memoranda and response letters that summarize FDA's scientific evaluation.
- Analyzes and reviews research protocols to determine if the experimental design will answer the relevant safety questions related to food from new plant varieties.
- Collaborates with and advises stakeholders on biological issues related to food safety, laws, regulations, and policies, as well as scientific research and industry developments in biology and related fields related to foods derived from new plant varieties.
- Conducts outreach efforts to foster innovations in plant biotechnology and advance the FDA's plant biotechnology program and responds to stakeholder inquiries about the program.

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:

These positions are multidisciplinary, and applicants will be required to meet the specific education qualification requirements of one of the applicable occupational series below (a copy of your transcripts identifying the requirement has been met is required).

- **BIOLOGY, (Series 401):** Degree in Biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; OR
Combination of education and experience: Courses equivalent to a major, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

B. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:

Candidates must have at least one full year of specialized experience that equipped the applicant with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position and is typically in or related to work of the position to be filled. Examples of specialized experience for this position include: conducting or analyzing biological studies related to plant science and present at meetings, seminars, training, or stakeholder meetings on scientific activities.

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 02/10/2022** to: Applytocfsan-ofas@fda.hhs.gov.

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](#)