

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](#).

This position is located in the Fresh Produce Branch (FPB), Division of Produce Safety (DPS), Office of Food Safety (OFS), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Fresh Produce Branch develops regulations, guidance, policy, programs, position papers and advisory opinions, and recommends research priorities for issues related to the safety of fresh produce; recommends research priorities for issues related to the safety of fresh produce; develops, collects, and interprets data regarding the safety of fresh produce; provides expert policy, scientific and technical advice; serves as principal liaison to industry, international organizations, and other organizations on issues related to fresh produce; reviews proposed regulatory actions and provides technical evaluation; implements the laws and regulations related to fresh produce safety.

Open Period: 02/03/2022 -02/16/2022

Location: Negotiable after selection

Salary: \$82,216.00 - \$105,579.00 (locality pay not included)

Duties of the Position:

Provides expert advice on regulations, policy, programs, and recommending priorities for the safety and effectiveness of highly complex fresh produce issues internationally

Serves as the recognized authority in the area of scientific and biological science expertise, developing and carrying out complex, far-reaching studies such as analyzing and improving the implementation of the Produce Safety regulation in providing safe fresh produce, and its impact the public health.

Serves as an authoritative expert scientist responsible for providing technical assistance to foreign regulatory officials, industry groups, and industry members and subject matter expertise on production and handling practices of produce grown outside of the United States, particularly produce grown in the Latin American countries.

Works closely with foreign regulatory partners to develop and implement programs to address specific international produce safety concerns.

Conducts international site visits and international on-farm readiness reviews (OFRRs) designed to aid produce farms in determining compliance with the various provisions of the

Produce Safety Regulation.

This position requires the incumbent to be proficient in the in the Spanish language.

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 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:

Applicants will be required to meet the specific education qualification requirements as noted below (a copy of your transcripts identifying the requirement has been met is required when applying).

Degree: 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, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

B. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:

Candidates must have specialized experience that includes at least one or more the following. You must possess 1 year of specialized experience that includes: Providing technical advice on the safety of fresh produce.

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 February 16, 2021 to: ApplytoCFSAN-OFS@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](#)