

# Social Scientist

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## Description of Duties

Applies knowledge of behavioral and social science principles and theories to analyze public health issues. Participates in the design and development of research protocols and interprets data using quantitative and qualitative methods. Engages in the design and development of research on the communication of tobacco product information, including tobacco product labeling, advertising, and marketing, health warnings, and education campaigns, and how communication affects consumer comprehension, judgment, knowledge, and use of tobacco products.

## Qualifications

- A degree in behavioral or social science or a related discipline is required. A combination of education (coursework equivalent to a major) and experience may be considered.
- U.S. citizenship is required.

## Education

An official transcript, unofficial transcript, or a list including courses, grades earned, completion dates, and quarter and semester hours earned may be required. 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, click on: [foreign education](#).

*Note: Please review each grade announcement for the specific qualifications and specialized experience.*

## Grade (Salary) Level

Federal General Schedule (GS) grade levels at which Social Scientist positions are commonly filled are:

- GS-11 through GS- 14 (\$66,510.00 to \$145,629.00 / Per Year)

**Geographic Location**

Social Scientist positions are located at FDA Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD.