



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:

Title Research Scientist 1 [Classified Non-Competitive]			Salary R30 \$87,578.62 - \$124,980.46
Posting Number 20-23	Position Number 943515	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 01/23/2023 To: 02/28/2023
Location: HIV, STD & TB SERVICES, 55 No. Willow Street, Trenton NJ			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This position serves as the subject matter expert in the state HIV Surveillance program for epidemiologic analysis, data management, program evaluation and quality assurance activities.

- This position is the first line supervisor to the director of the unit. Directs and manages the activities of the Core Surveillance assigned employees for data analyses, interpretation and dissemination of HIV/AIDS surveillance information. Oversees and guides staff on surveillance activities. Leads a team of Research Scientists, Health Data Specialists, and other technical staff. Serves as Primary Investigator (PI) for research studies and coordinates Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions when needed.
- Monitors, manages, and analyzes data linked with HIV Surveillance data through various surveillance systems and detection network. Modifies error checking programs when needed to produce monthly and other periodic data checks. Develops strategies to improve the collection, analysis, and use of laboratory-generated and epidemiologic data. Supervises the correct and timely transfer of surveillance data (eHARS) to CDC.
- Creates and submits well-formatted and documented SAS code to conduct quality control and manipulation of data bases including merging, managing, and updating data; generates standard reports; performs data quality reviews; data editing/cleaning; and resolves data quality problem.
- Performs analyses for and coordinates the compilation of annual, monthly, and grant cycle reports such as provision of community and state epidemiologic profile report for HIV. Develops high level technical projects and reports results to designated officials for inter- and intra-agency response.
- Has oversight of all aspects of data analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data used for program planning and development within the Division. This includes responsibility for datasets used for public health research, evaluation, and quality assurance by CDC. Ensures that appropriate data analysis and programming techniques are applied and assumes responsibility for accuracy of data produced by self or staff. Uses critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making as it relates to data interpretation and evaluation to provide recommendations for using data for action. Develops eHARS based reports, presentations etc. for dissemination.
- Provides training, technical assistance and performance monitoring to supervised staff and partners; prepares official performance evaluations for supervised staff. Oversees timely sharing of HIV data with internal stakeholders for public health action.

This position needs strong SAS skills.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE: Four (4) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
PSTHIVAIDS@doh.nj.gov
- Mail the required documents to:
**Patricia Laird, Administrative Assistant 1
HIV, STD and TB Services**

Required documents:

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
- *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
- *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
- *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
- *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
- **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
- *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*