



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

TITLE: Director, Division of Animal Health Laboratory Services	ANNOUNCEMENT #: 30-24	ISSUE DATE: 5/1/2024 CLOSING DATE: 7/31/2024 Review starts 05/16/2024
SALARY RANGE: \$114,415.39 - \$163,799.20 BENEFITS: The State of NJ offers generous medical, dental, leave, and other benefits. NJ was recently named the 2nd best state to live in by Wallet Hub.		[] DEPARTMENT WIDE [] STATEWIDE [X] GENERAL PUBLIC
LOCATION: Division of Animal Health, Ewing, NJ		

JOB DESCRIPTION

Under the general supervision of the Director, Division of Animal Health/State Veterinarian, in the Department of Agriculture, plans, organizes, develops, establishes, and directs comprehensive administrative and scientific activities and professionals/staff of laboratory programs within the NJ Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory which include clinical bacteriology/food microbiology, molecular diagnostic services/NAHLN testing, pathology (anatomic/clinical), serology/virology, and specimen processing/management; develops, implements, and evaluates program policies, goals, objectives, and priorities; directs laboratory's customer service to ensure highest customer satisfaction; directs laboratory's quality management system; obtains and maintains ISO 17025 or AAVLD accreditation; functions as lab section head as needed and participates in laboratory testing; directs research for publication and/or use as laboratory protocol; performs outreach activities to market laboratory services; drafts the recommendations for animal health laws, regulations, and departmental policies; assists in directing, planning, developing, implementing and evaluating animal health programs; collaborates with academic and federal partners; does other related duties as required.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited College of Veterinary Medicine approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) with a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, or completion of the training program administered by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) of the (AVMA), or completion of the training program administered by the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), or achievement of diplomate status in any (AVMA) specialty board.

FOREIGN DEGREES: Degrees and transcripts issued by a college or university outside of the United States must be evaluated by a reputable evaluation service at your expense. The evaluation must be included with your submission. Failure to submit the required evaluation may result in an ineligibility determination.

EXPERIENCE: Five (5) years of professional experience in veterinary diagnostic medicine or any other veterinary laboratory diagnostic field, including clinical and field experience of which three (3) years shall have included supervisory responsibility.

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE: American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM) or American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) certification or equivalent is preferred, but not required.

LICENSE: The 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.

NOTE: The Appointing Authority is responsible for certification and license verification.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective September 1, 2011, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all State employees to reside in New Jersey, unless exempted under the law, or current employees who live out-of-state and do not have a break in service of more than 7 calendar days, as they are "grandfathered." New employees or current employees who were not grandfathered and who live out-of-state have one year after the date of employment to relocate their residence to New Jersey or request an exemption. Current employees who reside in NJ must retain NJ residency unless an exemption is obtained. Employees who fail to meet the residency requirements or obtain an exemption will be removed from employment.

ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Interested applicants must email a cover letter, including the announcement number, resume, and transcripts by the closing date of this Notice of Job Vacancy to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov.

If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Dr. Amar Patil at amar.patil@ag.nj.gov.

SAME PROGRAM INFORMATION

The SAME program allows candidates, who identify as having a significant disability, to apply for non-competitive and unclassified positions through a fast track hiring process. For more information about the SAME program and the Fast Track Hiring program, please visit <https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml>, CSC-Same@csc.nj.gov, or call (609) 292-4144, option 3.

NJ SAME Program applicants must email a cover letter, including the announcement number, resume, transcripts, and a signed and approved copy of SAME Program eligibility documentation (Schedule A Letter or Schedule B Letter), by the closing date of this Notice of Job Vacancy to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov.