



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

TITLE: Microbiologist Trainee (2 Positions)	ANNOUNCEMENT #: 45-24	ISSUE DATE: 6/6/24 CLOSING DATE: 7/7/24
STARTING SALARY: \$54,906.96 6 MONTH SALARY INCREASE: \$57,420.37		<input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT WIDE <input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GENERAL PUBLIC
LOCATION: Division of Animal Health, Ewing, NJ		

JOB DESCRIPTION

Under the supervision of a Research Scientist 1 or other supervisory official in the Department of Agriculture’s Diagnostic Laboratory, in the Division of Animal Health, assists in conducting bacteriology, molecular, clinical pathology, and serology tests in compliance with ISO 17025 accreditation standards on animal materials/specimens, interpreting tests and analyses, and preparing reports; assists Research Scientists in performing developmental procedures and overseeing completion of assays; assists other staff members of varied grades and assists with accurate and correct completion of assignments; responsible for the acquisition, storage, preservation, recording, and proper use of laboratory equipment, materials, and supplies, in compliance with the ISO 17025 accreditation standard; prepares and maintains reagents, supplies, and media for specific functions, in compliance with the ISO 17025 accreditation standard; keeps current with literature and new developments in the field of bacteriology, molecular biology, clinical pathology, and serology; assumes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate inventories of laboratory supplies including expiration dates; prepares clear, technically sound, accurate, and informative reports of assigned tests, analyses, and examinations containing findings, conclusions, and recommendations; maintains test/analyses records, reports, and files according to the record retention schedule; will be required to learn how to utilize electronic and/or manual recording and information systems used by the Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory such as Qualtrax and VADDs; does other related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in a biological science including or supplemented by twelve (12) semester hour credits in specific microbiological courses in the study of microorganisms, which include bacteriology, virology, parasitology, and/or mycology.

NOTE: Appointees may be required to perform physical activities such as lifting, carrying, and standing for an extended period of time.

NOTE: Appointees may be required to get vaccinations or submit vaccination records.

NOTE: Appointees may be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment.

NOTE: Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized evaluation service at your expense. Please submit a copy of the evaluation with each application that requires a college degree or credits. For additional information, please refer to the Civil Service Commission’s website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/csc/seekers/about/steps/step2.html>

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

ADVANCEMENT: Appointees who successfully complete the 12-month training period will be eligible for advancement to the title Microbiologist 1 under Civil Service Commission procedures. The inability of an employee in this title to attain a level of performance warranting advancement to the title above shall be considered as cause for separation.

AUTHORIZATION TO WORK: Selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations.

Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective September 1, 2011, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all state employees 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.

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.