Title: Research Scientist 2

Posting Number: WLM-2022-50

Open to: General Public

Workweek: NL (35-hour) Workweek

Salary: (P28) $78,283.00 — $111,555.82

Opening Date: 6/14/2022

Closing Date: 6/29/2022

Existing Vacancies: One (1)

Program/Location: Department of Environmental Protection
Watershed & Land Management
Office of Climate Resilience
Bureau of Climate Resilience Planning
44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625

Scope of Eligibility: Open to applicants who meet the requirements below.

Description: Under general supervision of a Research Scientist 1 or other supervisory official in a state department, institution, or agency, conducts research projects or participates in functional programs in a specified professional field; assumes appropriate administrative and scientific duties as delegated; heads complex projects and makes recommendations to the supervisor; does related work.

Specific to the Position: The selected candidate will be responsible for conducting various ongoing and future activities of the Bureau of Climate Resilience Planning, in coordination with the New Jersey Chief Resilience Officer; will coordinate and implement the Resilient NJ and Local Government Planning Assistance programs, and inform development and implementation of state policy through the Climate Change Resilience Strategy. Tasks will include implementation of planning projects, reviewing local planning documents for consistency with climate resilience and environmental planning principles and policies, creating or analyzing GIS data or mapping, writing grant proposals, and researching practices in climate resilience and preparing reports relating to research, grant, and other activities containing findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The selected candidate will work directly with local governments to advise on specific local planning options to respond to climate change.

Preferred Skill Set: The ideal appointee would be an experienced planner, including project management; have experience and understanding of governance, planning law, and policy in NJ; and, have an understanding of climate change, resilience principles, and outreach and engagement best practices, particularly for socially vulnerable and underserved communities.

Requirements
Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position. 
NOTE: All U.S. degrees and transcripts must be from an accredited college or university. All foreign degrees and transcripts must be evaluated for accreditation by a recognized evaluation service by the closing date of this posting. Failure to provide documentation may result in ineligibility.

Experience: Three (3) 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: Appointees will be required to possess a valid driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essentials duties of the position.

Residency: All persons newly hired on or after September 1, 2011 have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain principal residence in the State of New Jersey subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L.2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act".

Authorization to Work: Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States per the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorship for citizenship to the United States.

Note: Interviews will be granted based on the cover letter, resume and credentials submitted in response to this notice. Applicants may be required to provide a copy of their transcripts at time of interview.

Per Executive Order 253, all State employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly testing. Please do not submit proof of vaccination at this time; instructions will be provided if an offer of employment results from this NOV.

Veteran's Preference: To qualify for New Jersey Veteran's Preference/status, you must establish Veteran's Preference through the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs. Please submit proof of your Veteran's Preference along with your resume as indicated below. For more information, please visit https://nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service/preference/

Submit Letter of Interest, Resume and e-mail address by 4:00 PM on the Closing Date to:
Sam Baldeo
Watershed & Land Management
E-mail Address: LUM.Resumes@dep.nj.gov
Please include the title and posting # of this Notice of Vacancy in the subject line of your e-mail.

Posting Authorized By:
Phiroza Stoneback, Manager
Division of Human Resources

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to inclusive hiring and a diverse workforce. We strongly encourage people from all backgrounds to apply. Accommodations under ADA will be provided upon request.