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

**Title**
Research Scientist 1, Microbiology (Virology Program Manager)
[Classified Non-Competitive]

**Salary**
R30 $82,527.28 - $117,772.00

**Posting Number**
194-20

**Position Number**
954495

**Number of Positions**
1

**Posting Period** *
From: 06/24/2020 To: 07/08/2020

**Location:**
Public Health and Environmental Laboratory
3 Schwarzkopf Dr, Ewing, NJ 0861

**Scope of Eligibility/Open to:**
Applicants who Meet the Requirements

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under direction of the Public Health Laboratory Service Director, manages the Virology Program (VP) to accomplish its mission and objectives. The VP encompasses diagnostic testing services for viral agents of public health significance and performs serologic, antigenic, molecular and culture based testing for these agents. Current areas of focus include serologic and molecular testing for arboviruses (such as dengue, west nile and zika viruses) in human and mosquito specimens, animal testing for rabies virus, culture based testing for Herpes viruses and molecular testing for respiratory viruses. This unit is responsible for responding to new diagnostic and surveillance testing needs related to viral pathogens as they arise through development and validation of new test methods and activities overlap with those performed by the Bio-Threat Response Laboratory Unit. The position will have close interaction and coordinate activities with the Microbiology Program which encompasses enteric bacteriology, mycobacteriology, special bacteriology and sanitary bacteriology. It is expected that the Virology and Microbiology Program Managers will provide cross coverage as deemed necessary by the Service Director. This position functions as a Technical Supervisor under the Clinical and Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988 (CLIA) and College of American Pathologists (CAP) guidelines. The Technical Supervisor is responsible for the technical oversight of the virology unit including the Rabies, Viral Serology, Viral Culture and Molecular Virology sections. Quality management, safety procedure compliance and management of federal grants and state agreements are also key responsibilities of this position.

Specific job duties include but are not limited to: manages and assists with recruitment, development, and supervision and cross training of staff; conducts performance appraisals, disciplinary actions, coaches, counsels and motivates staff to achieve peak productivity and performance; maintains the unit in a state of readiness to respond to public health emergencies to mitigate impact of infectious diseases on the health of NJ’s residents and economy; develops and manages budget for VP; regularly monitors relevant key financial and performance indicators; ensures compliance with all regulatory agencies; Guarantees that turn-around time goals are met to achieve results in accordance with state and federal guidelines; works in collaboration with other internal programs and other divisions of the in the NJ Dept. of Health as well as with community partners to provide accurate and timely laboratory services and information; serves as the primary liaison between VP and the Communicable Disease Services team. Maintain a working knowledge and hands on experience with tests in the unit to ensure continuity of operation.

NOTE: Rabies and small pox vaccination are required for employment. A Security Risk Assessment is also a requirement for this position which includes a fingerprint criminal background review and drug testing.

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### REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

**EDUCATION:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master of Science degree in microbiology or other appropriate biological discipline.

**EXPERIENCE:** Four (4) years of experience in microbiological analysis or research.

**LICENSE:** Appointee will be required to posses 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.

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### IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS
If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
  
  PSTLABS@doh.nj.gov

- Mail the required documents to:
  Rosalind Finney, Division Director
  Public Health and Environmental Laboratories
  Reference Posting #194-20
  New Jersey Department of Health
  PO Box 361
  Trenton, NJ 08625-0361

**Required documents:**

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

* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.

- 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.**