



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to establish temporary unclassified positions to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy; public health; and state and local governments. This funding supports the governmental public health response to COVID-19. These positions will be comprised of Unclassified Career Service titles within the Department of Health and will expire on or before December 31, 2025.

Title Research Scientist 1 [Unclassified]		Salary R30 \$87,578.62 - \$124,980.46	
Posting Number A757-22	Position Number 956545	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 01/03/2023 To: 02/03/2023
Location: Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness Office of Local Public Health - 5th Floor 55 N. Willow Street, Trenton, NJ 08625		Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements	
GENERAL DESCRIPTION			
<p>Under the direction of the Office of Local Public Health (OLPH), the Research Scientist 1 will lead a Team in the design, development, and implementation of a public health reporting system including data administration/management, collection methods & management, metrics, protocols, and evaluation. This position will independently develop, test, and implement data-driven techniques and practices, quality assurance activities/measures by collecting a variety of data sources and formats with appropriate cleaning, merging, and analyzing of the collected data in a final form for program deliverables, reports, and scientific publications. The Research Scientist 1 will ensure the highest quality of data administrative services are provided to local health departments (LHDs) and other public health partners in compliance with COVID-19 related policies, activities and public health workforce standards and mandates required by OLPH.</p> <p>Coordinate the development of analytical techniques, including generation of statistical models using SAS and other large data manipulation software to integrate the evaluation of diverse dynamic information pools for the creation of data sets used for a comprehensive OLPH public health policy generation, and public health services enhancement and response. Provide direction to staff to standardize a reporting matrix including the development & maintenance of a public health reporting system dashboard emphasizing decision transparency for the general public.</p> <p>Prepare and direct the preparation of clear, sound, accurate, and informative statistical and other reports containing findings, analyses, conclusions, and recommendations. Provide assignments, instructions, training, and supervision to program staff. Work closely with subject matter experts in the department to develop and enforce data privacy & sharing, integration, protocols, policies & procedures, direct trainings and resources. Work with leaders in PHILEP, Public Health Services Branch, Integrated Health Services Branch and external partners to ensure collaboration, communication, and coordination with local health departments.</p> <p>**Please note: Preference will be given to candidates with familiarity in public health concepts and formalities.</p>			
REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)			
<p>EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE: Four (4) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.</p> <p>NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.</p> <p>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.</p>			
IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS			
<p>If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward the required documents electronically to: <i>PSTPHILEP@doh.nj.gov</i> • Mail the required documents to: Denay Pressley, Executive Assistant 3 Public Health Infrastructure Lab. & Emerg. Prepare Reference Posting #A757-22 New Jersey Department of Health PO Box 360 Trenton, NJ 08625-0360 			
		<p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cover letter • resume • completed application, found at: http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf 	
		<p>* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.</p>	

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- *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.*