

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(Staff Fellow Animal Scientist or Veterinary Medical Officer)



The Center for Veterinary Medicine, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, is seeking a Staff Fellow Animal Scientist or Veterinary Medical Officer with emphasis in swine and/or poultry management, reproduction, physiology, or nutrition to serve in the Division of Production Drugs as a reviewer of scientific data to support the safety and effectiveness of production drugs used in food animals.

Responsibilities include determination of whether an application to market a new animal drug should be approved based on scientific grounds, governing laws, and regulations. The reviewer determines the safety and effectiveness of the drug by assessing the significance of risks involved in using the drug compared with production oriented or nutritional benefits. The reviewer also assesses the adequacy of labeled warnings and directions for use. The reviewer consults with FDA chemists, toxicologists, biometricians, veterinarians, and attorneys involved in the science and policy of the drug approval process. The reviewer meets with technical and regulatory staff from the pharmaceutical industry to discuss the roadmap to approval, appropriate experimental design in the development of protocols, feedback for on-going studies, and review of submitted data. The reviewer also meets with regulators from other countries and agencies to collaborate on common regulatory issues.

Credentials: A Ph.D. or Ph.D candidate in Animal Science with a focus on swine and/or poultry management reproduction, physiology, or nutrition. For more specific information on education requirements please click the following links:

Animal Scientist: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/animal-science-series-0487/>

Veterinary Medical Officer: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0700/veterinary-medical-science-series-0701/>

Professional experience beyond education is encouraged. Knowledge of emerging technologies is highly desirable. The successful applicant will be comfortable making broad inferences using information from a variety of sources, sometimes limited in nature. A background in experimental design and statistics is also desirable. Excellent writing and verbal skills and computer proficiency are necessary. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Benefits: Federal Government benefit package includes a retirement fund, access to long term care and life insurance, generous annual and sick leave, and a comprehensive health care plan. The Center of Veterinary Medicine's Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation also offers a flexible work environment, including staggered hours and the opportunity to split duty hours between the Rockville office and an alternate location (e.g., home). Continuing education is encouraged through in-house seminars and short-term training, both at the local and national level.

Location: The Center for Veterinary Medicine is located in Rockville, Maryland, 15 miles northwest of Washington, D.C.

Beginning Salary: Commensurate with training and experience: GS-11, Step 1 equivalent (\$64,650) to GS-12, Step 10 (\$100,736).

How to apply: Please submit your letter of interest, resume/CV, and transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) to: CVMOpportunities@fda.hhs.gov with the subject line of "DPD Staff Fellow Animal Scientist" or "DPD Staff Fellow Veterinary Medical Officer". Questions may also be directed to the CVM Opportunities mailbox.