

## **2-Year Full-Time Research Fellowship (Two Open Positions)**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) has immediate openings for two 2-year research fellowship positions in its Office of Food Defense, Communication and Emergency Response.

CFSAN is the part of FDA responsible for regulating most foods, cosmetics, and dietary supplements. Each year there are numerous foodborne illness outbreaks and other emergency events associated with products CFSAN regulates. When such events occur CFSAN provides scientific, policy, and regulatory guidance on steps to be taken to protect the public health and the Office of Food Defense, Communication and Emergency Response plays a central role in coordinating the Center's response.

The research fellow(s) will serve as part of the Emergency Coordination and Response Team and will be responsible for planning, training, and responding to foodborne illness outbreaks and emergencies as well as organizing electronic information related to those events for immediate and future analysis.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Serve in the coordination of Center activities relating to emergency response to outbreaks of illnesses and other emergencies involving FDA/CFSAN regulated products and intentional acts of food contamination
- Coordinate CFSAN's analytical, enforcement, communication, and recall response activities with the activities of FDA's Office of Crisis Management, FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the United States Department of Agriculture
- Assist in maintaining the Center's Emergency Response Plan and in the planning, coordination, and execution of Center emergency preparedness training activities
- Provide technological assistance in reviewing, implementing, and maintaining an electronic filing and storage system for the Emergency Coordination and Response Team's tracking of outbreak and emergency incidents
- Implement, maintain and execute emergency response plans and related training programs
- Update the Center Emergency Response Plan and training materials as well as provide outbreak investigation summary reports.
- Prepare written documents and deliver oral presentations.
- Work the second shift (2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.). Hours may be flexible depending on type of emergency, outbreak, or recall).

- Some travel may be required.

**Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of principles and practices of emergency preparedness and response and food safety with a sufficient understanding of epidemiology, microbiology, and environmental investigations to allow the incumbent to interpret results with respect to FDA involvement and response.
- Successful practical experience working on and with multi-disciplinary teams
- Master's degree in one of the health or life science related disciplines; OR a bachelors degree in one of the health or life science related disciplines and work experience related to emergency preparedness, response, and training

**Salary:**

The stipend is \$7,243.92 per month the first year and \$7,461.23 per month the second year. Some funding is available for relocation and travel expenses.

**Duty Location:**

FDA/CFSAN, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740

**How to apply:**

Qualified applicants should apply by sending cover letter and resume to the following address:

Sherry McGarry  
Acting Supervisor, Emergency Coordination and Response Team  
FDA/CFSAN  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
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College Park, MD 20740

**\*\*\*Please indicate on your application that you are applying for Position Code: ECRT-02\*\*\***

For immediate consideration applicants may forward resumes or vitas to the following email address: [ofdcer@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ofdcer@fda.hhs.gov)

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