



## Vacancy Announcement

### Interdisciplinary Scientist (Biologist/Microbiologist/Chemist)

#### Staff Fellow

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation (ONADE), Emerging Technologies Team is seeking qualified applicants for several Interdisciplinary Scientist positions. The Team protects public and animal health through science-based, risk based decision making in the evaluation of animal biotechnology products. In this role you will have a significant impact on the development and approval of these FDA-regulated articles that may benefit and improve the practice of both veterinary and human medicine. Specifically, you will provide molecular biology expertise in the review of data supporting the approval of animal biotechnology products, including but not limited to molecular characterization of genomic alterations, molecular characterization of genetically engineered (GE) animal lineages, and data provided in support of the claims associated with these products. You will assist in development of new regulatory policies designed to address new challenges brought forth by the latest developments in the animal biotechnology field. You will also work closely with developers of GE animals to guide them through the unique approval process associated with animal biotechnology products, including extensive interactions early on in the development of their product and provide expertise on scientific questions and policy decisions related to the evaluation of animal biotechnology products. This position will be filled through FDA's Staff Fellowship program. The appointment is up to 2 years with opportunity for renewal.

Applicants should have experience performing weight of evidence, risk-based evaluations of data and information relevant to emerging technologies such as genome editing, genetic engineering, and gene drives; evaluating the safety and/or effectiveness of biotechnology products; evaluating the molecular characterization of genetic alterations utilized in biotechnology applications; and evaluating current guidelines and policies for relevance to the biotechnology field.

ONADE offers many benefits and operates in a hoteling work environment. Hoteling is an arrangement where employees reserve non-dedicated, non-permanent workspace at the Rockville duty station on an as-needed basis and as required, and telework when not at the Rockville duty station. ONADE provides the basic technology (e.g., laptop, monitors, webcam) needed to effectively work in the Rockville office and in a teleworking location. Hoteling, along with a strong telework program and strong electronic communication and workflow tools, affords employees in ONADE the flexibility to balance work/life demands while contributing to our high performing organization.

The position is located in Rockville, Maryland and is available immediately. The salary range for the GS-12 equivalent level is from \$79,720 to \$103,639 and for the GS-13 equivalent level from \$94,796 to \$123,234 based on experience and education. Further information regarding qualification requirements for each occupational series can be found at the following links:

**Biologist**-<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/general-natural-resources-management-and-biological-sciences-series-0401/>

**Microbiologist**-<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/microbiology-series-0403/>

**Chemist**-<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/1300/chemistry-series-1320/>

**\*\*Applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.\*\***

**Please submit your letter of interest, resume, and transcripts to: [CVMOpportunities@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CVMOpportunities@fda.hhs.gov) with the subject line of "Biomedical Careers". Questions may also be directed to the CVM Opportunities mailbox.**



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