

## **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**POSITION TITLE:** Lab and Research Specialist (Molecular Biology) (Temporary employment (10-01-2021 to 06-30-2022)

LOCATION: Ewing, New Jersey Animal Health Diagnostic Lab ISSUE DATE: September 8, 2021 CLOSING DATE: October 1, 2021 SALARY RANGE: \$30 per hour ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 29-21

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Under the direction of a supervisory official, Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Department of Agriculture, the position will process and prepare wastewater samples for nucleic acid extraction; perform nucleic acid extraction on wastewater samples using either a manual procedure or an automated extraction; validate, implement, and perform real time PCR assays; responsible for acquisition, storage, preservation, maintenance, recording, and proper use of laboratory equipment, materials, and supplies; prepare and maintain reagents, supplies, and media for specific functions; assume responsibility for the maintenance of adequate inventory of laboratory unit supplies; maintain laboratory records, reports, and files; ensure compliance with the laboratory's Quality Management System and safety plans; does other related duties as required.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

**EDUCATION:** Graduation from an accredited college with a bachelor's degree.

**EXPERIENCE:** One (1) year of independent experience in molecular biology including techniques such as nucleic acid extraction and real time PCR.

**NOTE:** Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized evaluation service at your expense. Please submit a copy of the evaluation with each application that requires a college degree or credits. For additional information, please refer to the Civil Service Commission's website at: <u>http://www.state.nj.us/csc/seekers/about/steps/step2.html</u>

**LICENSE:** Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the <u>operation of a vehicle</u> rather than employee mobility is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

**RESIDENCY LAW**: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act," which became effective September 1, 2011, all persons newly hired by the Executive Branch on or after that date shall have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain principal residence in the State of New Jersey. New Jersey State employees hired prior to September 1, 2011 who transfer from within the Executive Branch or from another State of New Jersey appointing authority without a break in service greater than seven days but who reside outside the State of New Jersey are not required to change their principal residence to New Jersey in order to comply with the act.

**AUTHORIZATION TO WORK:** Selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. <u>Note:</u> The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicants must submit a cover letter including the announcement number, resume and transcripts by the closing date to: Heather Knox, Personnel Assistant 1, Human Resources, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625 or via e-mail to <u>njdajobs@ag.nj.gov</u>.

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