Title: Research Scientist 3 - Chemistry

Posting Number: ACSP-2022-1 (Repost)

Open to: General Public

Workweek: NL (35-hour) Workweek

Salary: (P25) $69,579.06 — $98,899.62

Opening Date: 7/28/2022

Closing Date: 8/11/2022

Existing Vacancies: One (1)

Program/Location: Department of Environmental Protection
Associate Comm of Science & Policy
Science & Research
Bureau of Quality Assurance and Environmental Monitoring
401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

Scope of Eligibility: Open to applicants who meet the requirements below.

Description: Under direction of a Research Scientist 1 or other supervisory official in a state department, institution, or agency, conducts or participates in research projects or functional programs in a specific professional field; does other related duties as required.

Specific to the Position: The candidate’s responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following: conduct onsite audits of labs performing analyses of samples in drinking water, wastewater, solid and hazardous waste, air, sludge and biological tissue. Areas of analytical capability to be evaluated may include inorganic/organic chemistry, radiochemistry, asbestos or microbiology. Ensure the analytical methodology is consistent with test procedures established by national organizations, good laboratory practices are followed, and data generated by the methodology is accurate and acceptable for use by the environmental community. Lead projects to evaluate and define the technical standards needed for the operation of scientific instrumentation used for the analyses of environmental samples. Make qualitative evaluations of organizational systems related to the generation, collection, review and use of analytical data. Position could require approximately 20-25% of work time traveling.

Preferred Skill Set: General knowledge of environmental testing methodologies and quality assurance /quality control procedures used in the analyses of drinking water, wastewater, and solid/hazardous waste. An understanding of state and federal regulations and requirements. Ability to write clear, technically sound, accurate and factual reports in order to evaluate a laboratory's compliance with State and Federal regulations. Special consideration will be given to candidates with experience in the operation of technical and complex instrumentation used in inorganic chemistry, microbiological, or molecular biology based analyses.
Requirements

**Education:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master of Science degree in Chemistry or other appropriate physical or environmental science discipline.

OR

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry or other appropriate physical or environmental science discipline.

NOTE: All U.S. degrees and transcripts must be from an accredited college or university. All foreign degrees and transcripts must be evaluated for accreditation by a recognized evaluation service by the closing date of this posting. Failure to provide documentation may result in ineligibility.

**Experience:** Two (2) years of experience in chemical analysis or research. NOTE: A Doctorate in a physical, chemical, or environmental science discipline may be substituted for the experience indicated above.

OR

Two (2) years of experience in chemical analysis or research AND one (1) year of experience in the operation of the gas chromatography mass spectrometer, gas chromatograph, high performance liquid chromatograph, fourier transform mass spectrometer, inductively coupled plasma spectrometer, atomic absorption spectrometer, x-ray defractor, transmission electron microscope, or updated replacements thereof.

**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 essential duties of the position.

**Residency:** All persons newly hired on or after September 1, 2011 have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain principal residence in the State of New Jersey subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L.2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act".

**Authorization to Work:** Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States per the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorship for citizenship to the United States.

**Note:** Interviews will be granted based on the cover letter, resume and credentials submitted in response to this notice. Applicants may be required to provide a copy of their transcripts at time of interview.

Per Executive Order 253, all State employees are required to be fully vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. Please do not submit proof of vaccination at this time; instructions will be provided if an offer of employment results from this NOV.

**Veteran's Preference:** To qualify for New Jersey Veteran's Preference/status, you must establish Veteran's Preference through the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. Please submit proof of your Veteran's Preference along with your resume as indicated below. For more information, please visit https://nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service/preference/

Submit Letter of Interest, Resume and e-mail address by 4:00 PM on the Closing Date to:

Melissa Burk-Pocino
Associate Comm of Science & Policy
E-mail Address: Executive.Resumes@dep.nj.gov
Please include the title and posting # of this Notice of Vacancy in the subject line of your e-mail.

Please indicate how you heard about the position in the body of the email

Posting Authorized By:
Phiroza Stoneback, Manager
Division of Human Resources
The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to inclusive hiring and a diverse workforce. We strongly encourage people from all backgrounds to apply. Accommodations under ADA will be provided upon request.