



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Social Scientist: 0101- GS- 12/13

Job Vacancy link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/582807400>

Open/Close Date: 10/28/2020 – 11/03/2020

Salary: \$86,335- \$133,465 per year

CTP Job Link: fda.gov/ctpjobs

Summary

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) regulates the manufacturing, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products. Our goal is to reduce the harm from all regulated tobacco products across the entire population, including: reducing the number of people who start to use tobacco products, encouraging more people to stop using these products, and reducing the adverse health impact for those who continue to use these products. CTP's actions have significant public health and consumer protection impact and are among the most important issues faced by the Agency in its long and distinguished history.

The Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) is responsible for implementing the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. This law gives FDA authority over tobacco products by adding a new chapter to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The Tobacco Control Act gives FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products and manufacturers based on the best available science and CTP is responsible for both assessing and fostering that science-base. CTP's actions have significant public health and consumer protection impact and are among the most important issues faced by the Agency in its long and distinguished history.

This Direct Hire position is located in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), Office of Science (OS), located in Beltsville, Maryland.

Responsibilities/Job Duties:

- Participates in research related to the communication of information about tobacco products such as labeling, advertising, promotion and marketing.
- Reviews, analyzes, evaluates, consults and measures outcomes of data obtained in studies designed to investigate comprehension, judgment, knowledge and behavior related to tobacco product labeling and/or advertisements.

- Prepares reports on research results for supervisors, peers, professional societies and industry meetings.
- Participates in the development of policy associated with providing or presenting information on current trends in social science.
- Develops and maintains contacts within professional and scientific organizations.

Qualifications:

The position of Social Scientist falls under the 0101 occupational series. To qualify for this position at grade GS-12/13, you must meet the following:

A. Have a degree in behavioral or social science; or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

OR

B. Have a combination of education and experience that provided the applicant with knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.

OR

C. Have four years of appropriate experience that demonstrated that the applicant has acquired knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.

In addition to meeting the basic qualifications for the Social Scientist, GS-0101-12 position, you must also meet the following:

Have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-11 grade level in the Federal service which includes assisting in obtaining data and research to assist in developing consumer surveys to evaluate consumer perceptions, intention and/or use of products that could be applied to tobacco or other regulated products.

In addition to meeting the basic qualifications for the Social Scientist, GS-0101-13 position, you must also meet the following:

Have one year of specialized experience, equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the Federal service, which includes which includes designing and developing research protocols and conducting research on consumer perception, intention and/or use of products that could be applied to tobacco or other regulated products.