

# Vacancy Announcement

## Veterinary Medical Officer Staff Fellow Position

### Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation (ONADE), Division of Animal Bioengineering and Cellular Therapies (DABCT) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Veterinary Medical Officer. The Division protects public and animal health through science and risk-based decision making in the evaluation of animal biotechnology (e.g., intentional genomic alterations in animals and cell- and tissue-based products for use in animals).

As a member of this Division, you will have a significant impact on the development and approval of these FDA-regulated articles that may benefit both veterinary and human medicine and health. Specifically, you will:

- Provide veterinary expertise in the review of data supporting the development of products of animal biotechnology, including but not limited to, characterization of the product, biosurveillance and management of animals containing intentional genomic alterations, eligibility of donors for cell- and tissue-based products, and evaluations of safety and effectiveness;
- Assist in development of regulatory policies designed to address new challenges brought forth by the latest developments in the animal biotechnology and regenerative medicine fields;
- Work closely with developers to guide them through the unique review process for these products, including extensive interactions with developers early in product development and providing expertise on scientific questions and policy decisions related to the evaluation of these products;
- Participate in a multi-disciplinary, team-based approach to product review with other CVM and FDA colleagues.

Applicants should have a veterinary medical degree and a degree in the animal sciences (or related fields) and/or a combination of relevant education and experience. We are seeking applicants with:

- Experience in large animal or mixed animal clinical practice;
- Experience performing weight of evidence, risk-based evaluations of data and information relevant to veterinary medical assessments and assessments of product safety and effectiveness;
- Understanding of clinical applications of animal biotechnology and regenerative medicine products;
- Understanding of the scientific considerations for animal biotechnology products such as factors that impact the biological activity of cells, or comparability or durability of a biologically-derived product;
- Knowledge of intentional genomic alterations introduced via technologies such as recombinant DNA constructs or genome editing including the ability to evaluate the potential impacts on animal health of the introduced alteration, and generate a testing plan to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the introduced alteration and monitor animal health;
- Knowledge of animal management, donor health screening practices, and animal disease agents and testing methods;
- The ability to evaluate current guidelines and policies for relevance to the regenerative medicine and biotechnology fields.

Due to the immensity of its charge, CVM depends upon a diverse and dedicated workforce. We recognize the importance of multi-disciplinary teamwork in reaching superior and timely regulatory decisions therefore we foster an atmosphere where every employee's contribution is important. New concepts, ideas, and creative approaches to improve current operations and to meet existing and future challenges are encouraged. Our goal is to not only enable our employees to positively impact the Center today, but to prepare our workforce for the demands, responsibilities, and career opportunities of tomorrow. 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.



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The position is located in Rockville, Maryland and is available immediately. The position will be filled through FDA's Staff Fellowship program. Appointments will be made up to or up to two years with potential opportunities for renewal. The salary range is \$89,834 to \$138,868 based on experience and education. Further information regarding qualification requirements can be found by visiting the following link:

### Veterinary Medical Officer

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0700/veterinary-medical-science-series-0701/>

Please submit your letter of interest, resume, and transcripts to: [CVMOpportunities@fd.hhs.gov](mailto:CVMOpportunities@fd.hhs.gov) with the subject line of **"ONADE Veterinary Medical Officer Staff Fellow Position- US Animal Health Association."** Questions may also be directed to the CVM Opportunities mailbox.

**Applications will be accepted Through May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

### Why CVM?

Safeguarding human and animal health is what we do. When you join our team, you impact this unique and amazing mission no matter your position. You also join a diverse community of exceptional people who encourage and support everyone to dream, inspire each other, and live our best lives, personally and professionally. When you join CVM, you join an incredible place to work.



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