

**Research Participation Program
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
College Park, Maryland**

**Response to Foodborne Emergencies
Project # FDA CFSAN 2007-22**

A project is available in the Research Participation Program at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The appointee will be assigned to the Emergency Coordination and Response Team in College Park, Maryland.

Description of Project:

Planning, training, and response to foodborne emergencies and electronic information organization of CFSAN-related foodborne emergencies

Each year there are numerous foodborne illness outbreaks and other emergency event associated with products regulated by FDA and the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. CFSAN provides scientific, policy, and regulatory guidance to FDA in response to a contamination of a food and cosmetic. This project involves coordinating CFSAN's response with the Office of Crisis Management (OCM), Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other government partners in foodborne outbreaks and other emergency activities involving food, dietary supplement products and cosmetics regulated by FDA. In tracking emergency incidents, information from the incident is electronically organized and maintained to assist in monitoring events and for future analysis.

In order to be prepared to respond to emergencies, CFSAN has an emergency response training program and maintains an emergency response plan. This project involves activities related to the Center's emergency preparedness and training efforts. This project involves communication and coordination with various scientific, regulatory, and policy officials.

The fellow will receive training in order to complete such tasks as the following:

- Serve in the coordination of Center activities relating to emergency response to outbreaks of illnesses and other emergencies involving FDA/CFSAN regulated products and intentional acts of food contamination.
- Coordinate CFSAN's analytical, enforcement, communication, and recall response activities with OCM, ORA, CDC, and USDA.
- Assist in the maintaining the Center's Emergency Response Plan and in the planning, coordination, and execution of Center emergency preparedness training activities.
- Provide technological assistance in reviewing, implementing, and maintaining an electronic filing and storage system for the Emergency Coordination and Response Team's tracking of outbreak and emergency incidents.

Requirements:

The fellow should ideally have a master's of public health or master's of science degree with a major in microbiology, food science, or another appropriate field. Candidates with a bachelor's degree in a related science with the technical expertise and experience necessary for the performance of the tasks will also be considered. The project requires knowledge of the principles and practices of emergency preparedness and response and food safety with a sufficient understanding of epidemiology, microbiology and environmental investigations to allow the fellow to interpret results with respect to FDA involvement and response, and to some level information technology. The individual must be able to maintain and execute emergency response plans and related training programs. The individual will provide updated versions to the Center Emergency Response Plan and training materials as well as outbreak investigation summary reports. In order to be able to report results to FDA, the individual must possess excellent skills for preparing written documents and in giving oral presentations. In addition, the individual must have successful practical experience working on and with multi-disciplinary teams. Some travel by the individual may be required. U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident status is preferred, but an applicant can also hold an appropriate visa status, however, an H1B visa is not appropriate.

The appointment is for up to one year and may be renewed for another year upon recommendation of CFSAN and subject to availability of funds. The participant will receive an annual stipend of up to \$79,400 depending on background and experience. Limited inbound travel/moving expenses will be reimbursed. Funds are also available for travel to scientific meetings. The participant must show proof of health and medical insurance. The appointment is full time at CFSAN in College Park, Maryland. Participants do not become employees of CFSAN, FDA, or the program administrator and there are no fringe benefits paid.

The Research Participation Program at CFSAN is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). To be considered for this project, send a current résumé via e-mail to Melissa.Goodman@ornl.gov or via fax to (865) 241-5219. **Please reference Project # 2007-22 on all correspondence and on the subject line of your e-mail.** For additional information, contact Ms. Goodman at (865) 241-1294.