

Opportunity Title: FDA Food/Packaging Chemistry Fellowship

Opportunity Reference Code: FDA-CFSAN-2020-0008

Organization U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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How to Apply A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcripts – [Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts](#)
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

If you have questions, send an email to ORISE.FDA.CFSAN@orau.org. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

Description *Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.

A research opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Office of Regulatory Science (ORS) located in College Park, Maryland.

This project will be to help develop methods to screen for contaminants in food and packaging. Under the guidance of a mentor, the selected participant will receive training in and will focus on: the mass spectrometry of food packaging and contaminants, in particular ambient ionization, non-targeted analysis, suspect screening, database development, and metal ionization and gas phase chemistry. Research activities will include: sample preparation, mass spectrometric method development and analysis, database creation/curation, method comparison, method validation, and experimental mechanism investigation. The goal is to develop rapid food packaging material identification and contaminant screening methods.

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: as soon as a qualified candidate is identified

This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and FDA. The initial appointment is for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of FDA contingent on the availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. The appointment is full-time at FDA in the College Park, Maryland, area. Participants do not become employees of FDA, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

Completion of a successful background investigation by the Office of Personnel Management is required for an applicant to be on-boarded at FDA. OPM can complete a background investigation only for individuals, including non-US Citizens, who have resided in the US for a total of three of the past five years.

FDA requires ORISE participants to read and sign their FDA Education and Training Agreement within 30 days of his/her start date, setting forth the conditions and expectations for his/her educational appointment at the agency. This agreement covers such topics as the following:

- Non-employee nature of the ORISE appointment;
- Prohibition on ORISE Fellows performing inherently governmental functions;



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- Obligation of ORISE Fellows to convey all necessary rights to the FDA regarding intellectual property conceived or first reduced to practice during their fellowship;
- The fact that research materials and laboratory notebooks are the property of the FDA;
- ORISE fellow's obligation to protect and not to further disclose or use non-public information.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- Experience performing non/semi-targeted analysis
- Experience developing analytical methods
- Experience in planning and executing statistically complex studies utilizing ambient ionization and/or mass spectrometry
- Ability to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
 - **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([8](#) )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([1](#) )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([1](#) )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([1](#) )
 - **Physics** ([3](#) )