

# Biologist

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### [Agency Contact Information](#)

- 1 vacancy - Durham, NC
- 1 vacancy - Arlington, VA

Work Schedule is Full-time - Permanent

Opened Monday 4/25/2016

Closes Friday 5/13/2016

- **Salary Range**

\$87,094.00 to \$119,794.00 / Per Year

- **Series & Grade**

GS-0401-13/13

- **Promotion Potential**

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- **Supervisory Status**

No

- **Who May Apply**

Any U.S. citizen may apply.

- **Control Number**

436873500

- **Job Announcement Number**

RTP-ORD-DE-2016-0043

# Job Overview

## Summary

### About the Agency

Earth Day is every day at EPA! At EPA, you can protect human health and the environment of all Americans, and you'll discover that EPA is one great place to work! We offer great benefits and work flexibilities, and our diverse workforce connects to more than just a career--we share a common passion to promote a cleaner, healthier environment. Discover how exciting safeguarding our natural resources and protecting human health can be. Find yourself at EPA.

This position is located in the Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), Integrated Risk Information System Division (IRISD).

The location for this position may be at one of the following: Arlington, VA; or Durham, NC.

The duty location will be determined after a selection has been made for this position. The salary will be commensurate with the duty location.

For more information on this office, visit their website: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-national-center-environmental-assessment-ncea>

Except in special circumstances, those new to the federal government will be hired at the starting salary (step 1) of the applicable grade range listed above.

## Duties

You will:

- Participate in/lead the development of toxicological reviews of chemical pollutants with responsibility for planning and coordinating team work.
- Provide expertise in identifying and characterizing cancer hazard arising from exposure to various chemical and environmental substances.
- Lead the evaluation, interpretation, and integration of findings from carcinogenicity studies, including the analyses of data relevant for understanding the mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

- Brief and advise management at various levels on complex scientific issues and selection of methodologies and approaches.
- Develop innovative approaches to improve risk assessment methodologies to improve assessments.

You will spend 10% of your work time on contracts.

## Relocation Authorized

- No

## Job Requirements

### Key Requirements

- If you are selected, a pre-employment background check is required.
- You must submit resume and required documents. (See How to Apply.)
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- Position has educational/degree requirements. (See Qualifications Section.)
- EPA and non-EPA applicants must submit transcripts/course listings.
- You may be required to travel 1 to 5 days per month.

### Qualifications

You need a degree or combination of education and experience as described below to qualify for this position.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited or pre-accredited college or university in *biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position*; **-OR-** a combination of education and experience with courses equivalent to a major, as listed.

As part of the application process, you are required to submit college transcripts or a list of courses as described in the Required Documents section of this announcement. However, if you are selected, you must provide official

educational transcripts before you start work with EPA. More information on verification of education can be found here: <http://www.epa.gov/careers/epa-job-vacancy-announcements-policies-and-procedures>

In addition to the educational requirements, we are looking for at least one year of specialized experience related to this position as described below:

**To qualify for the GS-13 level, you need to have at least one year of full time experience equivalent to the GS-12 level defined as analyzing and interpreting data related to cancer effects.**

Your answers to the on-line assessment will be used to evaluate your competencies in the following areas: 1) Ability to develop a synthesis of research findings; 2) Skill in written communication targeting technical and non-technical audiences; 3) Ability to participate in work groups or committees; 4) Knowledge of cancer bioassays and cancer mechanisms; 5) Skill in evaluating research findings; 6) Skill in oral communication; 7) Ability to apply concepts from several disciplines that contribute to risk assessment.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience. If you are selected, you must complete a one year probationary period.

This position is designated as Low Risk and requires a background investigation. Unless an appropriate background investigation is already on record with the Office of Personnel Management, you must undergo a background investigation.

If you are selected, you will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form prior to your first day of employment and annually thereafter.

## **Security Clearance**

Other

## **Additional Information**

### **What To Expect Next**

You can track the progress of your application package via your USAJobs account. You will receive an acknowledgement from USAJobs that your submission was successful, once we have received your on-line occupational questionnaire, resume and any supporting documentation. You will be notified of the status of your application via your USAJobs Account after we conduct a qualification review of your complete application package. You will be contacted if further evaluation or interviews are required. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempt to conceal information may disqualify you for employment consideration. We may verify all information you provide in your resume and questionnaire responses, through reference and/or background check, and/or verification of your education. If you are selected, you will be contacted personally by the human resources office posting this announcement.

### **BENEFITS**

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Join EPA in protecting human health and the environment and enjoy many work life quality options! Working for the EPA offers you a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, life insurance, health benefits, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. To learn more about us, visit [Life and Careers at EPA](#).

### **Other Information**

This information is used to determine your qualifications for employment. The use of this information is authorized under Title 5 USC, Sections 3302 and 3361.

Are you a Displaced Federal Employee? If so, please read the Required

Documents and visit the EPA website for additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/careers/epa-job-vacancy-announcements-policies-and-procedures>

EPA participates in e-Verify. E-Verify is an Internet based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that enables participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees. For additional information: <http://www.epa.gov/careers/epa-job-vacancy-announcements-policies-and-procedures>

If you have part-time work experience, read this: <http://www.epa.gov/careers/epa-job-vacancy-announcements-policies-and-procedures>

It is the policy of the Government not to deny employment simply because an individual has been unemployed or has had financial difficulties that have arisen through no fault of the individual. Information about an individual's employment experience will be used only to determine the person's qualifications and to assess his or her relative level of knowledge, skills, and abilities. Although an individual's personal conduct may be relevant in any employment decision, including conduct during periods of unemployment or evidence of dishonesty in handling financial matters, financial difficulty that has arisen through no fault of the individual will generally not itself be the basis of an unfavorable suitability or fitness determination. For more information, visit: [https://hru.gov/Studio\\_Recruitment/tools/Mythbuster\\_on\\_Federal\\_Hiring\\_Policies.pdf](https://hru.gov/Studio_Recruitment/tools/Mythbuster_on_Federal_Hiring_Policies.pdf).

Position has portable work and selectee may be eligible to telework.

If you are selected, travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid by EPA. Any travel, transportation, and relocation expenses associated with reporting to work in this position will be your responsibility.

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