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August 30, 2019

TITLE LOCATION	ANNUAL SALARY POSITION #	APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
<p>Chemist</p> <p>Livestock & Poultry Division/Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Little Rock, AR</p> <p>Hiring Authority: Department of Agriculture #1 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205 Phone: 501/823-1714 russ.summers@agriculture.arkansas.gov</p> <p>Standard State of Arkansas employment application required.</p> <p>Apply on line: http://www.arstatejobs.com Under Arkansas Agriculture Department</p>	<p>Entry Level Salary: \$40,340</p> <p>Grade GS07</p> <p>Position #: 22077903</p>	<p>September 13, 2019</p>

STATE'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education/experience requirements:

- The formal education equivalent of bachelor's degree in chemistry; plus two years of experience in a chemistry laboratory or a related field.

Ability to:

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of chemistry and chemical analysis.
- Knowledge of standard and specialized laboratory equipment.
- Ability to perform chemical analysis using standard and specialized laboratory equipment.
- Ability to prepare laboratory equipment and perform laboratory tests.
- Ability to write descriptive results of analysis and appear as expert witness in court.
- Ability to use different instrument operating software and Laboratory Information Management Systems.

Preferred Qualifications:

Preferred qualifications include 2-3 years of hands-on laboratory experience in PCR analysis (both real-time and conventional). The successful candidate will, through a combination of training and experience, possess a demonstrated competency in the preparation of primers, probes, controls, gels, buffers and cell cultures. Alignment with and contribution to the Quality Management System is expected of all laboratory associates and prior experience with controlled documentation is strongly preferred. Experience with FA microscopy is highly sought attribute of all candidates.

Agency Specific Information:

This position is located in the Virology section of the Department of Agriculture Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This is a bench position with primary responsibility for hands-on execution of high-consequence pathogen testing in support of Arkansas' largest industry. Laboratory manipulation of animal tissues and fluids is a daily component of this job, and adherence to the Lab's safety policies (including proper use of personal protective equipment) is required. Vaccination for rabies and bi-annual titer checks is also required.



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With a headcount of 25 people, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory processes some 20,000 diagnostic cases each year. Working as a team, we meet the expectations of stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds by providing timely and accurate diagnostic results. If you are an experienced virologist seeking a challenging opportunity with ideal work-life balance, we want to hear from you.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION, TRANSCRIPTS AND RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION.