

Toxicologist (fixed term up to 2 years) (Reference Number: 1518417)
CRAU Branch
Chemical Safety Division
London
Permanent
£30,050 - £35,000 per annum (the starting salary will normally be at the minimum except in exceptional circumstances)

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is the government department that protects public health and consumer interests in relation to food.

The Chemical Risk Assessment Unit (CRAU) needs to respond to requests for advice on chemical risk assessment from across the FSA and externally. This post is part of a small team that has responsibility for securing and providing scientific advice on the toxicological safety of additives, novel foods, dietary supplements and natural constituents both within the Agency and to external organisations and the public. Furthermore, we provide secretariat support to the UK's Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT).

This role offers the successful candidate the opportunity to work with national and international experts, and to influence public health.

Duties include:

To gather and assess toxicological information on chemicals as defined in the remit above; this can for example be to respond to incidents, advising Policy colleagues negotiating in Europe or assessing information in order to answer a public enquiry.

To draft reports on chemicals as defined in the remit above, including briefing for senior officers, risk assessments for food safety incidents, responses to internal and external enquiries and papers to be presented to scientific advisory committees.

The successful candidate will also be expected to develop and maintain a scientific profile in the area of food chemical toxicology and risk assessment by attendance and participation at external conferences and meetings.

A degree in an appropriate life science (e.g. biochemistry, biology, toxicology etc) with post-graduate experience in toxicology (either an MSc or equivalent experience) is also an essential requirement. Demonstration of the professional competencies of *Applying Scientific/Technical Knowledge* in toxicology and *Securing, Maintaining and Developing Relevant Technical Expertise* in toxicology are pre-requisites.

The selection process will consist of a competency based interview and a risk assessment exercise.

In addition to the professional competencies, competencies required for the role are: *Seeing the Big Picture, Changing and Improving, Making Effective Decisions,*



Collaborating and Partnering, Building Capability for All and Delivering at Pace.
These competencies are described in more detail at
<http://resources.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Civil-Service-Competency-Framework-Feb2013.pdf>

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