With nation-wide responsibility for improving the health and well-being of all Americans, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) oversees the biomedical research programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and those of NIH's research Institutes.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), a major research component of the NIH and DHHS, is recruiting an outstanding experienced scientist to serve as a Veterinary Medical Officer, Office of Laboratory Animal Science (OLAS). The incumbent is responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal laws, regulations, and standards within NIAAA's animal care and use program and facilities. The incumbent has the authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and oversees the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use for all animals acquired and maintained by NIAAA. The incumbent manages the animal care and use program of the NIAAA including: 1) supervising the overall program of laboratory animal housing, care, and management to ensure compliance and managing a preventive medicine program for disease control; 2) advising the research staff on all aspects of the use of animals in experiments, including experimental design, surgical and pre- and post-operative care, and experimental techniques; 3) reviewing animal study proposals, conducting semi-annual inspections of facilities, compiling required reports, and maintaining files of animal usage; 4) overseeing all animal acquisition; 5) participating on NIH committees pertaining to animal care and use; 6) facilitating NIAAA compliance with the Division of Safety’s animal exposure program; (7) working with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) on preparation of documents and correspondence, and in collaboration with the IACUC Chair, acts as a liaison with the regulatory and accrediting agencies (e.g., OLAW, USDA, AAALAC); (8) developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for animal husbandry, clinical veterinary procedures, and veterinary pathology services; (9) performing veterinary medical diagnostic, surgical and/or treatment services for one or more species of rodents in a laboratory environment prior to and during research utilization; and (10) overseeing all operational and financial aspects of the branch such as: animal imports/exports and the rodent health surveillance program, and the budget.

The successful candidate must have a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent degree, i.e., Veterinary Medical Doctor (VMD), obtained at a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education. Additionally, the incumbent must possess a permanent, full, and unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States that includes successful completion of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination or its predecessors, the National Board Examination and the Clinical Competency Test. The candidate must have training and experience with laboratory animal science and medicine. Salary is commensurate with experience and accomplishments, and a full Federal package of benefits is available.

Applications for this position will be accepted beginning May 7, 2024, through May 16, 2024. To apply, please visit USAJobs during that period using the following link: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/786425200.

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