

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 200 RIVERVIEW PLAZA P.O. BOX 330 TRENTON, NJ 08625-0862



NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

TITLE: TES Food Security Coordinator 2	ANNOUNCEMENT #: 14-25	ISSUE DATE: 05/22/2025
(Temporary Employee Services, limited to 944		CLOSING DATE: 06/15/2025
hours per fiscal year)		
SALARY RANGE: \$15-23/hr (based on experience)		[] DEPARTMENT WIDE
Flexible hourly position Monday – Friday, approximately 15 hours/week		[] STATEWIDE
LOCATION: Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA), Trenton, NJ		[X] GENERAL PUBLIC

JOB DESCRIPTION

The New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA) offers a unique and collaborative opportunity. A dedicated Graduate TES Food Security Coordinate 2 will apply research methods to systems-level policy and practice innovations that improve food security across New Jersey, and will support OFSA's growing research and evaluation agenda while offering the student a robust, real-world learning environment.

About OFSA

OFSA is the first state-level office of its kind in the country. It was established in 2021 to lead New Jersey's efforts to reduce food insecurity and promote equitable access to nutritious food. The Office works across government agencies and community partners to coordinate policies, align funding streams, and advance innovative strategies for long-term solutions to food insecurity.

Research & Evaluation Portfolio

The Ph.D. student will engage in various ongoing and emerging projects central to OFSA's mission to enhance food security across New Jersey. Project may include but not limited to Six Dimensions of Food Security Framework, Food Insecurity Index, Emerging Food Security Concepts, Community Voices Initiative, and New Jersey Food Security Strategic Plan.

The TES Food Security Coordinator 2 will engage in the full research cycle—from conceptualization to dissemination—including literature reviews, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, participatory research, and publications and presentations. Additionally, this position offers potential pathways to scholarly and applied research outputs including but not limited to potential academic and Policy-Oriented Conferences, Peer-Reviewed Publication Journals, and Gray Literature Outputs.

REQUIREMENTS

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE: Seeking candidates that recently graduated or current graduate students able to work part time with a work schedule approximately 15 hours per week starting in August 2025 during the Fall 2025 academic year. Additional helpful skills are strong attention to detail, the ability to work collaboratively, time management, research skills, organized, and Microsoft Office computer knowledge.

EDUCATION: Currently enrolled or recently graduated from an accredited college or university in a related Graduate program.

FOREIGN DEGREES: Degrees and/or transcripts issued by a college or university outside of the United States must be evaluated by a reputable evaluation service at your expense. The evaluation must be included with your submission, and failure to submit the required evaluation may result in an ineligibility determination. For additional information, please refer to the Civil Service Commission's website at: http://www.state.nj.us/csc/seekers/about/steps/step2.html

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in the State of New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position

AUTHORIZATION TO WORK: Selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations.

NOTE: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective September 1, 2011, NJ PL 70 (NJ First Act), requires all State employees to reside in New Jersey, unless exempted under the law, or current employees who live out-of-state and do not have a break-in service of more than 7 calendar days, as they are "grandfathered." New employees or current employees who were not grandfathered and who live out-of-state have one year after the date of employment to relocate their residence to New Jersey or request an exemption. Current employees who reside in NJ must retain NJ residency, unless an exemption is obtained. Employees who fail to meet the residency requirements or obtain an exemption will be removed from employment.

ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Interested candidates must email a cover letter, including the announcement number, resume and transcripts by the closing date of this Notice of Job Vacancy to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov.

SAME PROGRAM INFORMATION

SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted to njdajobs@ag.nj.gov along with your resume, cover letter, announcement number, and transcript (if position has a degree requirement) by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit their Website at: https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml, email: CSC-SAME@csc.nj.gov, or call CSC at (609) 292-4144, option 3.

BENEFIT(S)*

*Pursuant to the State/Department's policy, procedures and/or guidelines.

TES benefits include: Earned Sick time

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