



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Professional Vacancy Announcement N°: IRC5701

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Deadline For Application: 19 September 2018

Position Title:	Food Safety and Quality Officer	Grade Level:	P-3
Organizational Unit:	Food Safety and Quality Unit, AGFF Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, AG	Duty Station:	Rome, Italy
		Duration *:	Fixed-term: 2 years with possibility of extension
		Post Number:	0433802
		CCOG Code:	

- Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.
- Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.
- All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.
- The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

Organizational Setting

The Food Safety and Quality Unit of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department supports the strengthening of systems of food safety and quality management at national, regional and international levels. This involves providing scientific advice on food safety issues, support to programmes of capacity development and facilitation of effective communication and access to information by all Member countries on food safety and quality issues. It is a recognized global leader in the provision of scientific advice on food safety issues to support the establishment of international standards for the safety and quality of foods.

Reporting Lines

The Food Safety and Quality Officer reports to the Senior Officer, AGFF.

Technical Focus

Contributes to the mitigation and prevention of microbiological food safety risks globally through support to the development technical guidance and training materials, direct capacity development support to countries and support to the work of the secretariat of the Joint Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA).

Key Results

Research, technical analysis, and project related services to support the delivery of knowledge products and project outputs and outcomes.

Key Functions

- Researches and analyzes technical, social, economic, environmental, institutional, and technology related information, data and statistics and/or related policy issues to support the delivery of programme projects, products and services
- Produces a variety of technical information, data, statistics and reports as well as input for technical documents and web pages.
- Provides technical support/analysis to various assessments, studies and initiatives
- Collaborates in the development of improved/updated tools, systems, processes, and databases
- Participates on multi-disciplinary teams, and/or leads working groups/teams collaborates with other departments and agencies on work groups and committees and promotes best practices
- Collaborates in, provides technical backstopping to and ensures the quality / effectiveness of capacity development activities within member countries such as policy support, organizational development and individual learning events including preparation of related information, learning materials, on-line tools
- Promotes knowledge sharing at international meetings and conferences and influences partners in stakeholder consultations.
- Supports resource mobilization activities in accordance with the FAO Corporate strategy.

Specific Functions

- Contributes to the development of new approaches, tools and training materials related to the assessment and management of microbiological food safety risks
- Develops guidance on new, emerging or re-emerging food safety microbiological hazards and threats, including the preparation of technical reports and briefs.
- Prepares scientific reviews on issues under consideration by the FAO/WHO Joint Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) and participate in the work of the FAO JEMRA Secretariat.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in Microbiology, Food Safety, Veterinary Public Health, Public Health, Epidemiology or related field
- Five years of relevant experience in food safety which included assessment of microbiological risks and risk-based approaches to managing microbiological risk.
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions is desirable
- Extent and relevance of experience in conducting microbiological risk assessment
- Extent and relevance of experience with developing and evaluating risk based approaches to managing food safety risk
- Demonstrated ability in effective planning of capacity development programmes
- Demonstrated experience in drafting technical reports and briefs in English

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills
- Your application will be screened based on the information provided in your iRecruitment online profile (see “*How to Apply*”). We strongly recommend that you ensure that the information is accurate and complete including employment record, academic qualifications and language skills
- Please note that FAO will only consider academic credentials or degrees obtained from an educational institution recognised in the IAU/UNESCO list
- Candidates endorsed in the selection process for this vacancy announcement will be considered for the FAO Professional Employment Roster for a period of two years. The Roster is used to fill other similar positions at the same or lower grade, and in the same or another duty station
- Candidates may be requested to provide performance assessments

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org

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