



Rocky Mountain Research Station USDA Forest Service Fort Collins, CO

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OUTREACH NOTICE

Supervisory Statistician

GS-1530-14

Rocky Mountain Research Station

Fort Collins, Colorado

The Rocky Mountain Research Station will soon be advertising for a Station Statistician. This permanent full-time position reports to the Assistant Station Director for Strategic Management and Accountability, who is a member of the Station's Leadership Team. As the Station Statistician, the incumbent serves as the Station authority and consultant on the application of mathematical statistical theory and methodology to the numerous and varied research programs in the Station, and directs the management and protection of Station research data. Incumbent has national lead responsibility for data archiving in Research and Development. The position reports to the Assistant Station Director for Strategic Management and Accountability. Reporting date is negotiable.

DUTY STATION: This position will be located at Station headquarters in Ft. Collins, Colorado. The Station employs 90 Ph.D. level scientists in experimental forests, 12 laboratories, and university campuses throughout the inter-mountain States. The disciplines range widely. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/>

MAJOR DUTIES:

Statistical Consultation, Studies, Data Collection and Analysis, and Quality Assurance – Designs and develops data analysis methodologies and techniques, and adapts them to specialized studies or investigations. Conducts statistical analyses or studies of significance to mission critical Station programs and operations. Develops experimental designs or new analysis methods for which no precedents are available.

National Data Archiving Responsibilities – Provides leadership on highly complex, unprecedented problems of critical importance, and serves as a national technical expert on the methodologies, procedures, documentation and formats required for high quality and efficient data archiving (the long-term storage of scientific data and methods). As such, the incumbent is actively involved with Forest Service Research and Development in the development and evolution of the Data Storage and Archiving Standard of the R&D National Archive.

As Station Archivist, incumbent promotes the active participation of RMRS scientists and program leaders in data archiving at the other Research Stations. This can involve presenting seminars throughout RMRS and at other Stations to familiarize scientists with FS Research archiving requirements, advantages and available resources for archiving their data.

As a national technical expert, provides reviews and assistance to researchers choosing to develop a unit-level archive. Ensures that RMRS continues to lead the way in developing and implementing archiving activities.

Supervisory and/or Managerial Responsibilities - Performs the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. The incumbent is responsible for furthering the goals of equal employment opportunity (EEO) by taking positive steps to assure the accomplishment of affirmative action objectives and by adhering to nondiscriminatory employment practices in regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap.

Leads the Statistics Units and Maintains Knowledge of Scientific and Regulatory Developments in Statistics - Conceives, devises, and conducts on a continuing basis, a program to assure and enhance the statistical integrity of the Station's entire research program. Takes an active part in policy and program-forming Station and Washington Office conferences concerning statistics and biometrics, and gives authoritative advice on all statistical and related matters.

Plans and directs training programs for subordinates, by encouraging and arranging for attendance and participation at scientific and professional meetings, by counsel and guidance in preparation for and working toward advanced degrees at universities, and by giving expert guidance on specialized techniques and problems.

Coordinates activities of RMRS Statistics Unit with activities of other Forest Service Station statistical units, especially at the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest Research Stations.

Persons currently at the GS-14 level and those eligible for promotion to the GS-14 level are encouraged to express interest in this opportunity.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-1530 series that are covered by the U. S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Group Coverage Qualification Standards for Professional and Scientific Positions and the Individual Occupational Requirements for the Statistic Series. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for review at any federal personnel office or on the Internet at:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/gs-admin.asp>

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/iors/gs1500/1530.asp>

Primary Contact: Janine Powell, Assistant Station Director for Strategic Management & Accountability

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If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice Form and send to jpowell@fs.fed.us by June 26, 2009.



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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: The USDA Forest Service provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact the point of contact listed on the vacancy announcement. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Community Information

Fort Collins, with a population over 100,000, is an hour north of Denver and a half hour south of the Wyoming border on Interstate 25. House rentals begin at approximately \$850 per month. Apartment rentals start at \$675.00. The median price for purchasing a home is \$199,000; for purchasing a condominium is about \$149,000.

Fort Collins is a full-service community. There are several institutes of higher learning in the area: Colorado State University is in Fort Collins; University of Colorado is in Boulder, an hour away; the University of Northern Colorado is in Greeley, half an hour away; and Regis University out of Denver has a number of professional development programs available locally. Elementary and secondary schools rank among the state's best. There are also private and church-affiliated schools and day care facilities.

Fort Collins has a large medical community, with a wide variety of specialists, a number of clinics and one hospital. Loveland, fifteen minutes south of Fort Collins, also has a hospital and a medical community, and Denver's medical facilities are only an hour away.

Cultural opportunities include live theater, vocal and instrumental performances, art and history museums, ethnic festivals and a full calendar of special community events.

Fort Collins has over 300 days of sunshine a year; summer days are sunny with high temperatures usually 80-90 degrees, and afternoon thunderstorms fairly common; winter brings temperatures below freezing at night but usually in the 30-60 degree range during the day, again with sunshine; there are approximately 5-10 snow events a winter, most of which are under 6 inches; the city is within easy distance of skiing some of the best slopes in the world; is an hour

from the Rocky Mountain National Park; is an hour and a half from the world's newest high tech airport; has easy access to an incredible number of hiking and biking trails; and has a mall, with an outlet mall within fifteen minutes. For mountain climbing enthusiasts, the challenge of 14,000+ foot mountains exists. For rock climbers there are too many opportunities to list. Colorado is centrally located so it is also easy to vacation in the other beautiful areas of the west, such as Yellowstone National Park (one day away); the Black Hills (one day away); parks and skiing in Utah (one day away); and the extraordinary sights of the southwest are also only 1-2 days away depending on your destination.

For additional information about Fort Collins, please access the Fort Collins Chamber of commerce website at: <http://www.fcchamber.org/>

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This is a pre-announcement soliciting information we can use to determine area of consideration; your response will not be considered a commitment or an application.

Please return your completed form to: **Janine Powell**, Assistant Station Director for Strategic Management & Accountability at jpowell@fs.fed.us

Your Name:

E-mail Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Numbers Work:

Home:

Type Of Appointment: _____ Permanent _____ Temporary _____ Term _____ VRA

_____ PWD _____ OTHER _____

Current Region/Forest/District/Station:

Current Series and Grade:

Current Position Title:

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Persons with Disabilities

_____ Veterans Readjustment

_____ Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

_____ Student Career Experience Program

Comments: