JOB OPENINGS AT USDA-THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

The Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has multiple positions available at its new offices in Kansas City for applicants with strong research skills. ERS economists and social scientists conduct rigorous policy-relevant research to inform public and private decision making on issues of national significance relevant to USDA.

* ERS will hire one or more economists/social scientists to conduct applied research on current issues related to rural economic development, population, and/or community well-being. Research topics may include rural population and demographic change, health, housing, labor markets and human capital, or poverty and income.
* ERS is also seeking to hire an economist/social scientist to conduct analysis on farmer decision making and stakeholder engagement related to soil health, water quality, and sustainable agricultural intensification.  Experience should demonstrate expertise in statistical analysis, survey data development, and spatial analysis.
* ERS is seeking a researcher with expertise in general or partial-equilibrium optimization and simulation modeling or integrated assessment models and database development to model and analyze agricultural land use relevant to issues involving agricultural production, economic and environmental policy and technological change. The position requires the ability to integrate and evaluate disparate economic and biophysical data sets to parameterize models critical to agency analysis of environmental impacts on agricultural production.

Applicants should have strong quantitative skills and an interest in applied policy-relevant research. Candidates are also expected to have strong writing skills and the ability to relay results to both lay and professional audiences. You must be a U.S. citizen to be considered for these positions. Ph.D. candidates must complete all degree requirements within nine months of the close of the vacancy announcement. Please see the official job announcement here to apply: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/543592300](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usajobs.gov%2FGetJob%2FViewDetails%2F543592300&data=02%7C01%7C%7C7247419958834ab7bbb908d727d83ed2%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637021682027172452&sdata=hPr8p1kCOOFtQx4jrXe6IrPoxD8Cf5vNiARdQu3eSk4%3D&reserved=0).

The application deadline is October 25. For more information contact Robert Gibbs at [rgibbs@usda.gov](mailto:rgibbs@usda.gov) or 202-694-5423.