



#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Department	Reports to
FDA Researcher	Program - Remote	FDA Program Manager
Employment Status	FLSA Status	Effective Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1099 Independent Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt	2/1/22

#### POSITION SUMMARY

Doctors for America (DFA) has an opening for the position of Researcher for new organizational work in establishing a DFA FDA Task Force. The DFA FDA Task Force is a multispecialty group of volunteer physicians from across the country working together to educate, mobilize, and empower other clinicians and stakeholders to evaluate and respond to the FDA regulatory process in a way that maximizes meaningful clinical outcomes for our patients.

The DFA FDA Task Force Researcher will be responsible for conducting strategic policy and regulatory science analyses that seeks to evaluate FDA's ongoing and proposed regulatory efforts and their impact on patients. DFA is looking for an experienced researcher to help advance this new initiative through independent research that will support the following goals:

- Educating physicians and other stakeholders on the strengths and weaknesses of current FDA regulatory processes and policies. The position involves overseeing, developing, and implementing components of the initiative stated below and working closely with DFA's FDA Task Force.
- Mobilization of physicians and other stakeholders in enforcing and developing FDA regulatory processes and policies centered around robust scientific evidence and the interest of patients
- Empowering physicians and other stakeholders to advocate for improving and recentering FDA regulatory processes and policies around robust scientific evidence that serves patients.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The essential functions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Work closely with the DFA Board of Directors, Executive Director, FDA Program Manager, and members of the FDA Task Force including through regular virtual and when possible, in-person meetings to coordinate DFA's response on FDA regulatory processes and policies.
2. Engage in several components of DFA's FDA Task Force at the federal level as well as our mobilization efforts with key stakeholders, including representatives from medical professional societies, patient advocacy

groups, and regulatory science experts to discuss current regulatory science policy updates to national policy reform.

3. Develop external and internal materials around legislative and agency policies and proposals directly related to the FDA. This might include issue briefs around specific approvals and their impact on clinical practice, agency regulatory guidance, legislation impacting the FDA approval process, and published regulatory science research.
4. Provide research support for the development of a pilot curriculum on the history of the FDA, the regulatory process, and current policy proposals related to the FDA.
5. Develop materials alongside the Communications Manager, FDA Task Force Project Manager, and FDA Task Force physician members including policy briefings, sign-on letters, social media posts, and other communications projects for immediate and long-term use by DFA.
6. Engage in administrative duties including scheduling, routine check-ins with the FDA Task Force co-chairs and Executive Director as well as the FDA Task Force, assisting with grant reports, seeking out and applying to other possible grant opportunities, and growing our membership.
7. Create a targeted, strategic policy research agenda and communications strategy to develop reports on the patient and population impact of current FDA regulatory policies and proposals as well as alternative approaches.
8. Attendance at evening and weekend events is essential and some travel will be required.
9. Contribute to DFA's overall development and additional duties as assigned.

## **REQUIRED EXPERIENCE (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES)**

- At least 2 years of research or policy experience related to FDA regulatory processes and policies.
- Excellent writing skills and prior experience preparing external reports, policy briefings, and/or peer-reviewed research.
- Strong interpersonal skills, ability to work well on a diverse team, and previous experience supervising other staff.
- Ability to work well within a diverse team including prior experience working with clinicians as an added plus.
- Strong organizational and administrative skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced, changing environment.
- Strong work ethic, creativity, and tenacity in achieving objective.
- Commitment to Doctor for America's mission and goals.

## RECOMMENDED QUALIFICATIONS (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES)

- Communications experience, working with the media and strong social media skills.
- Graphic design skills including visualizations of key numerical figures.
- Having experience with remote working, especially as part of a team.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, VoterVoice/Action Network or compatible database, Google Drive, Google Docs, PowerPoint, and website functions.
- Prior nonprofit and policy experience—with both 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations—are a plus.

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the functions. **This is a work from home position and occasionally travel will be required.**

## How to Apply

- ❖ Please send: Resume, cover letter and two writing/research samples, and a list of three professional references with contact information (phone/email) to [jobs@drsforamerica.org](mailto:jobs@drsforamerica.org)
- ❖ Start Date: *Tentative* start date is February 1, 2022.
- ❖ Salary: This is a 1099 Contract position through 12/31/22. There may be potential for funding for an additional year(s), but it is not guaranteed.

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