

## Office of the Texas State Chemist

Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service  
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## Microbiologist I Position Announcement *Notice of Vacancy #R-049276*

The Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC) at Texas A&M University has an immediate opening for a Microbiologist I.

Housed in Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC) is the State Agency that regulates animal feed and fertilizer, protects consumers, safeguards human/animal health, minimizes environmental hazards and enhances agribusiness through a structure of orderly commerce. OTSC has a close partnership with federal and state agencies including but not limited to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for food/feed hazard surveillance and risk management. Each year, OTSC oversees registration, compliance, and enforcement activities for more than 25 million tons of feed and fertilizer manufactured and distributed in Texas with a market value of \$10 billion.

OTSC has served as a center of excellence for service, education and research, which fosters numerous opportunities for future career development, training and continuous education. The friendly working environment and career assistance components make OTSC the ideal place for professional growth. Texas A&M University is one of the most prestigious public universities in the US, and ranks 17th in total research expenditures, exceeded \$1 billion in 2020. College Station ranks among the most livable towns in the US for its excellent public school system and very low cost of living. The current job opening will be provided with the full Texas A&M health and retirement benefit package.

The candidate is expected to possess a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology, food science, or other applicable field with emphasis on microbiology. Also required is at least 2 years of related laboratory experience with foodborne pathogens. Biosafety Level 2 & 3 and real-time PCR skills preferred. The expected hire will have thorough knowledge of equipment, terminology and techniques used to perform microbiological laboratory testing along with excellent oral and written communication skills. Must have the ability to obtain DOJ security clearance to enter Select Agent laboratories and participate in a Personnel Suitability Program as well as enter and work in Biosafety Level 2 and 3 laboratories. Must have ability to wear respiratory protection and required personal protective equipment (PPE). Ability to multi task and work cooperatively in a team environment.

Application (with résumé and cover letter) may be completed online at <https://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/hr/careers-employment/> (NOV# R-049276). The Office of the Texas State Chemist is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer.