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Dear Professor or Program Manager,

California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), part of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), offers excellent opportunities for scientists specializing in toxicology and related fields who wish to make a difference by pursuing careers in government service advancing public health. OEHHA is actively recruiting both experienced scientists and recent graduates to join our team.

If you have students, trainees, or alumni who might be interested in a career with OEHHA, we ask that you encourage them to attend **an upcoming virtual career fair hosted by CalEPA on Wednesday, April 26th from 11 am to 1 pm PDT**. Representatives from OEHHA and the other five other agencies within CalEPA will be speaking about different career path options and how to get a job with the State of California, as well as answering questions. The registration link for this free event is [here](#) and a flyer with more information is attached.

We hire staff and supervising scientists in multiple classifications from the California civil service including:

- Toxicologists: \$78,144–\$188,856 per year
- Research Scientists (Epidemiology/Biostatistics, Chemical Sciences): \$78,144–\$169,848 per year
- Environmental Scientists: \$49,740–\$183,492 per year
- Public Health Medical Officers: \$133,848–\$207,996 per year
- Health Program Specialists: \$72,732–\$119,340 per year

Current job opportunities may be found at <https://oehha.ca.gov/jobs>. OEHHA has a hybrid work environment that includes work in an office setting and telework at home; a given position may be remote-centered within California or office-centered at either our Sacramento or Oakland location.

As the lead state agency assessing health risks posed by hazardous substances, we provide scientific expertise to all branches of CalEPA and to other state and local agencies to assist them in regulatory and public health decisions. We also work with federal agencies, the scientific community, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and communities across California on environmental and public health issues. Key OEHHA activities include:

- Assessing the health risks posed by [air](#) and [water](#) contaminants.
- Developing, refining and updating two pioneering environmental justice screening tools that evaluate the burdens [California communities](#) face from environmental pollutants, and the quality, accessibility and affordability of [drinking water](#) provided by community water systems.
- Exploring the use of novel toxicity data streams to characterize the toxicity of chemicals with sparse or without traditional toxicology information.
- [Developing fish advisories](#) for mercury and other contaminants in sport fish from water bodies throughout the state, and making recommendations regarding fishing safety and closures after marine oil spills.
- Collaborating with the California Department of Public Health and Department of Toxic Substances Control on the [Biomonitoring California program](#), which measures levels of chemicals found in Californians' bodies.

- Evaluating and assessing health risks and exposures to carcinogens and reproductive toxicants as part of implementing the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, better known as [Proposition 65](#).
- Identifying the [impacts of climate change on California](#), and the effects of heat and air pollutants on human health.
- Peer reviewing health care providers on the recognition, management and reporting of pesticide illnesses.
- Providing guidance to regional and local agencies on the health-risk assessment of contaminated sites.

We would be grateful if you would inform your graduate students, recent graduates, and interested colleagues about OEHHA's work and the career opportunities we offer to help make a difference for public health in California and beyond. Attached is general information about OEHHA and an introduction to the civil service process for scientific classifications (e.g., Associate Toxicologist, Research Scientist, Senior Environmental Scientist) that is required prior to application for a given position with the State of California. Once eligibility is established for a classification, an individual may apply to any relevant vacancy with the State of California. If you have any questions regarding getting on the eligibility list, please contact our Human Resources branch at HR.Mail@oehha.ca.gov or (916) 327-1444.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me about any questions or requests for further materials that you might have. If of interest, OEHHA staff scientists can be available to meet (virtually) with your trainees to discuss internships and careers with OEHHA as well as the environmental health work that we do.

You are welcome to respond to this email (recruitment@oehha.ca.gov), or I may be reached at Brian.Brown@oehha.ca.gov, or (510) 622-3193.

Sincerely,

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