

We're Hiring! Community Environmental Health Professional Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF WORK: Albuquerque, N.M., or Navajo Nation with both in-person and remote work arrangements.

POSITION AND DURATION: Full-time, for at least three years through 2026.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year, depending on education and experience, plus travel reimbursement and health insurance and continuing education benefits after 6-month probationary period.

Southwest Research and Information Center (SRIC), a not-for-profit multicultural educational and scientific organization based in Albuquerque, N.M., seeks an experienced environmental public health professional to fulfill SRIC's role in four government-funded research projects aimed at investigating adverse health outcomes from exposures to uranium and other toxic and radioactive elements in mining wastes left over from 80 years of uranium mining and processing on the Navajo Nation. This position will also support technical assistance needs of communities participating in EPA-proposed mine remediation plans and national policies related to the Superfund program. The successful candidate will have supervisory roles over SRIC field staff along with community-engagement responsibilities bridging Western and Indigenous science and involvement in grant writing in collaboration with university and NGO partners. Ultimately, we are looking for a person with passion for community-engaged research that promotes environmental justice for impacted communities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: College degree (either AA or BA/BS); three-year commitment with benefits; available to work full time (40-hour week) with occasional weekend and evening work; valid driver's license and proof of insurance; flexibility to work in-office and remotely as circumstances warrant; ability to pass a criminal background check.

PREFERRED QUALITICATIONS: An undergraduate or post-graduate degree in the environmental or biomedical sciences, including but not limited to environmental public health,

epidemiology, biochemistry, immunology, toxicology, water quality and other earth sciences, climate change, and traditional ecological knowledge; interest and willingness to continue their education at the graduate and/or doctorate level; demonstrated skills in English writing, public speaking, and basic computer applications (e.g., word processing, spreadsheets/databases, power point, pdf making, etc.); experience in human health research protocols and approval processes; and demonstrated ability to speak the Navajo language and familiarity with Diné culture and traditional practices.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The four principal duties of this position are: (1) Assuming the role of co-Investigator or co-Principal Investigator for SRIC's partnerships with the UNM College of Pharmacy in four government-funded public health studies assessing exposures to environmental metals, including uranium, in Navajo communities; (2) supervision of field staff working on health studies on the Navajo Nation; (3) involvement in grant making, administration and reporting with UNM and other academic institutions and NGOs; and (4) collaborating with community-based groups and nongovernmental organizations on a wide range of uranium mine remediation science and policy. The successful candidate will work closely with SRIC staff, UNM Community Environmental Health Program researchers, UNM METALS Superfund Research Center staffers and staff of partnering agencies, including the Navajo Nation Department of Health and the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. This position requires frequent contact with grass-roots *Diné* requiring advanced Navajo language skills, flexibility for some evenings and weekend work, good English writing skills, knowledge of human research protections and informed consent, administration of health studies, and participation in organizational planning and development. Knowledge of or personal experience with the impacts of uranium mining and processing will be helpful.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS: SRIC is committed to facilitating advanced education among staff members, and for this position will offer financial support for continuing education beyond the undergraduate and master's levels following the successful completion of a 6-month probationary period. This benefit will be offered in exchange for a commitment to work for SRIC for at least three years

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, résumé, three writing samples, and copies of their driver's license and proof of liability insurance to SRIC, P.O. Box 4524, Albuquerque, NM 87196, or by e-mail to sric.chris@gmail.com. Please do NOT submit your application materials by facsimile. SRIC is an equal opportunity employer. Indigenous women are encouraged to apply.

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