

Office of Management and Budget

Office of Performance and Personnel Management

Intergovernmental Personnel Act Opportunities

AGENCY NAME: Evidence Team, Office of Performance and Personnel Management, Office of Management and Budget

POSITION TITLE: Senior Evidence Advisor

LOCATION: 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC (Local telework available on a case-by-case basis)

DURATION: Full-time, 12-month IPA (Some flexibility, ideally June 2024-May 2025)

TO APPLY: Please send a statement of interest and resume to evidence@omb.eop.gov as soon as possible to be considered for the position. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Position remains open until filled.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Evidence Team of the Office of Performance and Personnel Management at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is pleased to invite interested faculty and staff of institutions of higher education, employees of State, local, or tribal governments, or employees of qualifying institutions under 5 C.F.R. § 334.102 to apply for a temporary, non-reimbursable detail position pursuant to the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 3371-3376; 5 C.F.R. part 334) (IPA). The Senior Evidence Advisor will have the opportunity to engage with senior leaders from multiple agencies and across OMB in support of improving the Federal ecosystem for evidence-based policymaking.

While at OMB, the Senior Evidence Advisor will work alongside the OMB Evidence Team to focus on strengthening agencies' capacity for evidence-building and evidence use, particularly with respect to program evaluation. The Senior Evidence Advisor will serve as a lead for direct support and technical assistance on all evaluation topics for a portfolio of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Act agencies, including working with other OMB offices. This involves supporting federal agency efforts to identify research questions through learning agendas and build their capacity to conduct evaluations and build other types of evidence. This is a particularly timely moment to support this work, as federal agencies will soon begin a new cycle of Strategic Planning and associated evidence plans.

Day-to-day responsibilities may include one or more of the following:

- Support agencies in their development of Evidence Act Title I deliverables (e.g., Learning Agendas, Annual Evaluation Plans, and Capacity Assessments) and related activities;
- Review drafts of Evidence Act deliverables, and coordinate cross-OMB review;
- Develop and disseminate resources to support agencies on Evidence Act implementation and evidence-building;
- Review other agency submissions as they related to evaluation or evidence building activities (e.g., Information Collection Requests, Notices of Funding Availability), and respond to ad hoc agency requests to OMB; and
- Lead other special projects or ad hoc assignments that may arise.

The detail position for the Senior Evidence Advisor is non-reimbursable, which means that OMB will not reimburse the applicant's home institution for applicant's salary or benefits.

REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must be employed by an institution of higher education, government, or other organization that meets the definitions in 5 C.F.R. § 334.102 and must receive salary and benefits from such institution. Applicants must have significant evaluation expertise at a mid-career to senior level, preferably with government experience and a working knowledge of the Evidence Act and Federal evidence ecosystem. The candidate should have strong written and oral communication skills, analytical skills, and an ability to work in a fast-paced environment. Experience with evidence use and/or translating evidence and research findings to policy and program design settings is preferred. The applicant may not be a full-time student. Students employed in research, graduate, or teaching assistant and similar temporary positions are not eligible.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENT: The position is subject to random drug testing and the background check and security clearance requirements of the Executive Office of the President.