



Research Job Opportunity

MOTOR VEHICLES, DEPARTMENT OF

Title: RESEARCH PROGRAM SPECIALIST I (SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL)

Salary: \$4,833–\$5,874 per month

Posted: 05/12/2010

Do you enjoy conducting cutting-edge research in a supportive and collegial environment? Then this may be the career for you! The Research and Development Branch conducts methodologically rigorous evaluations of traffic safety laws, policies, and interventions using advanced statistical analyses in SAS, SPSS, and other applications, based on California's statewide driver record and crash database, surveys/interviews, and data collected in the field. Since its establishment over 50 years ago at DMV Headquarters in Sacramento, we have earned a reputation as one of the finest traffic safety research centers in the nation. The results and recommendations from our work are utilized by legislators and other decision makers in the creation or revision of existing laws, policies, and programs in the traffic safety field. We are a diverse multidisciplinary team of experienced researchers with backgrounds in psychology, epidemiology, organizational research, sociology, and other fields. If you are looking for a career designing and conducting real-world research studies that can make a difference in the world, then apply today! If you don't have subject matter expertise in traffic safety, don't worry—on-the-job training is available!

Job Description:

As a Research Program Specialist you will perform the following duties:

- Serve as principal investigator and team member on driver licensing, driver improvement, and alcohol/drugged driving studies;
- Using SAS, SPSS, and other computer software applications, manipulate, screen, and analyze data files in both desktop and mainframe environments and apply a range of data management and statistical techniques, such as linear/logistic regression (GLM) and proportional hazards survival analysis;
- Respond to inquiries from departmental and outside entities on various matters regarding driving risks, demographics, traffic safety laws, procedures, penalties, policy, adjudication, interventions, and traffic safety data systems;
- Prepare technical reports of project findings for publication as monographs and scientific journal articles, write issue papers, legislative analyses, and other technical correspondence, and present the findings of research projects before various management, departmental, and outside groups;
- Act as subject matter expert and technical/methodological consultant for other department staff;
- Represent the department on state workgroups/committees and at professional conferences;
- Maintain current knowledge and awareness of subject matter in all areas of traffic safety, but especially traffic injury epidemiology, interventions, and laws/policies; and
- Develop and submit proposed research projects and grant proposals.

Who May Apply:

Prior civil service experience is not required. Send your resume/vita and completed Standard State Application (Form 678) available at www.spb.ca.gov/employment/stateapp.htm to the address shown below or call for additional information.

The Research Program Specialist II is distinguished from the Research Program Specialist I by a higher level of technical and subject matter expertise, and a greater level of responsibility for directing the work of others on research projects. Salary range shown is the minimum and maximum for a full-time appointment.

Additional Information:

Working Title	Position Number
RESEARCH PROGRAM SPECIALIST I (SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL)	525 - 023 - 5767 - XXX
Will also consider hiring a(n)	
RESEARCH PROGRAM SPECIALIST II (SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL) \$5,309–\$6,451	
Location	County
LOD - SACRAMENTO	SACRAMENTO
Timebase	Tenure
Full Time	Permanent month(s)
Final Filing Date:	Department Link:
Until Filled	None Specified
Contact Unit/Address	Contact Name/Phone
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