

# **Environmental Health State Agencies Liaison (SAL) and Engineering State Agencies Liaison (SAL)**

## **Superfund Research Program, Brown University Providence, RI**

These are full-time positions and will carry salary commensurate with qualifications and consistent with those for recent advanced degree graduates. Health and dental benefits will also be part of the compensation package. Initial appointment is for one year, and is renewable.

**Objectives:** The Brown University Superfund Research Program (SRP) has two key objectives for the two SAL positions: 1) to ensure that the results of basic research are readily and understandably available to key constituents of the Rhode Island state agency professionals and the community, and 2) to use available databases and resources to expand the scope and relevance of environmental health and engineering research within Rhode Island. Among the key stakeholders in the state are the RI Department of Health (RIDOH), the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), the local medical community, various community groups and, on the federal level, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, any or all of whom might be involved with health and engineering issues related to contaminated sites.

**Responsibilities:** To ensure that there is effective communication and research collaboration between these groups and the SRP, Brown is seeking an Environmental Health State Agencies Liaison (SAL) and an Engineering State Agencies Liaison (SAL) to coordinate these efforts. The role of the SAL is to inform the SRP team members of current issues of interest to the various state agencies and local community groups. At the same time, the SAL would arrange for effective and timely communication to the state agencies and local groups, of the best scientific understanding of the various contaminated site issues being studied by the SRP, other leading researchers, and environmental organizations. These communications would be appropriate to the audience and to the nature of the information, and could take the form of specialist workshops, scientific conferences, print and online publications, etc. The SAL would also work in cooperation with the leadership of an "outreach" effort whose goal it is to assure effective communication with the general public. The SAL would also be expected to coordinate cooperative scientific efforts, includes seeking additional funding opportunities for the SRP and its partners. Building on the available resources, the successful candidate will be encouraged to develop an independent research program and to publish. The SAL would hold a title of postdoctoral research associate at Brown University.

**Qualifications:** The appropriate candidate for the Environmental Health SAL position should have a strong background in environmental health science with a doctorate degree in a relevant field. The appropriate candidate for the Engineering SAL position should have a strong background in chemical or biological science with a doctorate degree in a relevant engineering or science field. Familiarity with regulatory issues, and experience working in community partnerships are a plus. It is expected that the successful applicant will be able to work with a high degree of independence facilitating expanded communication and research capacity among the state agency- academic-community partners.

**To apply:** Brown University is an EEO/AA employer and encourages applications from minorities, and women. Applications should be directed to Linda Covington, SRP Program Manager, Brown University, Box G-E5, Providence, RI 02912, email: [Linda\\_Covington@brown.edu](mailto:Linda_Covington@brown.edu), tel. (401) 863-3525. Completed applications should consist of a curriculum vitae, the names and contact information for three individuals who can serve as references, and a cover letter detailing relevant experience and career objectives. It is preferred that application materials be e-mailed.

**Deadline:** The position will remain open until filled.