

Fellowship opportunity PATH-SAFE Science Lead

We're excited to offer this unique, two-and-a-half year, senior Fellowship to lead the delivery of the Pathogen Surveillance in Agriculture, Food and the Environment (PATH-SAFE) project. It's a chance to undertake cutting-edge genomic science and contribute directly to the protection of UK food, agriculture and consumers.

We are part of a major cross-government project which aims to harness the power of genomic technology to identify and track foodborne pathogens and antimicrobial resistant organisms through the food system and environment. Read our news story about the [£19.2 million major cross-government project](#). This [Shared Outcomes Fund](#) (SOF) programme will build a national database to enable 'user-friendly' analysis, storage and sharing of pathogen genome data and associated metadata. It will also test the application of novel genome-sequencing technologies for microbial surveillance, bringing together partners from academia, government and industry to produce a world-leading pathogen surveillance system.

What we are looking for

We are recruiting a talented scientist to lead on the delivery of this project. This flexible Fellowship can be taken as either a full-time or part-time role, enabling the successful candidate to deliver ground-breaking academic research with a major impact on public health. As well as having proven expertise in (microbial) genomics, you will also have experience of running large collaborative research projects and/or extensive sampling and surveillance programmes. You will be the kind of person who not only thrives in a fast paced, dynamic environment but is also comfortable engaging external stakeholders across a range of departments and sectors.

How to apply

Applicants must submit the following by email to Rick.Mumford@food.gov.uk:

- Up-to-date CV (detailing your background experience and research interests)
- Personal statement (please see the applications details document below for further information)
- Letter from your employer confirming their support

More information is included in the expression of interest. If you require further information on this opportunity, please contact [Rick Mumford](#) (FSA Head of Science) or [Robin May](#) (FSA Chief Scientific Adviser).

We are interested in hearing from applicants at a range of seniority levels, so please contact us if you are unsure about your suitability for the role.

Closing date

Applications for the programme close **midnight 10 October 2021**. Those received after this date will not be considered.