The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering a unique career opportunity in Biomedical (Clinical) Engineering that invites qualified candidates with drive and commitment to serve a very special class of citizens – our nation’s veterans.

Overview

The Technical Career Field (TCF) Trainee Program is a two-year program that develops Biomedical Engineers to be effective Program Managers in a VA Medical Center. These fulltime positions provide salary, benefits, focused training, and travel. Upon completion of the program, Biomedical Engineers will either stay at the training site if a position is available or relocate at the government’s expense to a different VA Medical Center within the United States where he/she will assume the full responsibilities of a practicing Biomedical Engineer.

Program Description

Job duties include evaluating medical equipment, managing the medical equipment maintenance program, and coordinating new medical technology implementations. Throughout the training program, the trainee will develop abilities to effectively support and advance patient care by applying engineering and managerial skills to healthcare technology. In addition, the trainee will receive assignments to prepare for higher-level management and leadership responsibilities. Promotion potential exists to the highest levels within the Biomedical (Clinical) Engineering career field. Career advancement can take TCF graduates to all regions of the country and toward numerous health care leadership roles.

Roles/Responsibilities

B.S./B.E. degree or M.S./M.E. degree in Biomedical or Clinical Engineering from an ABET accredited program; U.S. citizenship

Qualifications

Interested in joining the VA team?

Please apply online at: https://www.usajobs.gov and search keywords “TCF, GS-858, Biomedical Engineer” Please have your cover letter, resume, and transcripts available. The interview and selection process will begin in early Spring of 2016.

Locations

Seattle, WA  North Chicago, IL
San Francisco, CA  Minneapolis, MN
San Antonio, TX  Milwaukee, WI
(2) Cincinnati, OH  Durham, NC
Philadelphia, PA  Murfreesboro, TN
Manchester, NH  Orlando, FL
Linthicum, MD  Kansas City, MO

To learn more about the TCF program, send inquiries to Ms. Jennifer Boudreaux at Jennifer.Boudreaux@va.gov and Mr. Brennon Cucullu at Brennon.Cucullu@va.gov.
FAQs

Q: I submitted my application through www.usajobs.gov and have not heard back. Should I be worried?
A: If you are selected for an interview, you will be contacted by a prospecting preceptor for formal interviewing this Spring. The hiring process for the government is a multi-step process and typically takes longer than the private sector. Most selectees will begin VA employment June-September.

Q: I don’t have a bachelor’s or master’s degree, but I have experience. Can I still apply?
A: No, you must have a bachelors or masters degree in engineering from an ABET accredited engineering program to qualify for the position.

Q: I have an engineering degree in a field other than bioengineering, biomedical engineering, or clinical degree. Can I still apply?
A: Yes, you can still apply if your engineering program is ABET accredited. However, a degree in bioengineering, biomedical engineering, or clinical engineering is preferred.

Q: I am not a US citizen, but I have a workers permit via the Dream Act. Can I still apply?
A: No, you must be a US citizen to qualify for the position.

Q: Does this program require me to travel?
A: Yes, the TCF Biomedical Engineering program will require you to travel to attend training courses and conferences.

Q: Can I choose where I want to be located?
A: VA medical centers seeking a Biomedical Engineer Trainee are listed in the flyer. If you have a location preference, then please state that in your cover letter and select the locations on the USA Jobs applications so it will be taken into account.