



Research Fellows – Safe Drinking Water Programs

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is partnering with **UMass Amherst** to provide technical and training support for the development and implementation of **Safe Drinking Water Programs**, in particular the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Rule.

UMass is hiring Research Fellows to assist MassDEP with Safe Drinking Water programs by providing assistance with the operational, technical, financial, and managerial aspects of public water systems (PWS) in Massachusetts.

Example position responsibilities include (full responsibilities in position descriptions below):

- Review PWS Service Line Inventory and Lead Service Line Replacement Plans
- Assist MassDEP in the development of technical guidance, procedures, and programs in preparation for future changes to PFAS regulations
- Review water quality results and discuss drinking water remediation options with PWS

Research Fellows will provide technical support to one identified MassDEP regional office (or Boston office). These positions include 40% weekly travel to one of the MassDEP offices (office locations: MassDEP (Boston, MA); MassDEP Southeast Regional Office (Lakeville, MA); MassDEP Central Regional Office (Worcester, MA); MassDEP Western Regional Office (Springfield, MA); or MassDEP Northeast Regional Office (Woburn, MA)) and 20% travel to PWS in Massachusetts.

Please indicate which regional or Boston office you are interested in on your cover letter

Several full- and part-time positions are available. Research fellows will be hired at three levels dependent on a candidate's qualifications: 1) Safe Drinking Water Facilitator (qualified), 2) Safe Drinking Water Associate (more qualified), 3) Safe Drinking Water Specialist (most qualified). Guidelines for the qualified experience are summarized below (see full descriptions for details).

1) Safe Drinking Water Facilitator: Knowledge of environmental regulations and public drinking water systems desired. Bachelors OR Associates +2 years experience OR HS/GED/HiSet + 4 years experience

2) Safe Drinking Water Associate: Specific and substantial subject matter expertise in lead or in an area of support for water systems. Masters OR Bachelors + 2 years experience OR Associates +4 years experience OR HS/GED/HiSet + 6 years experience

3) Safe Drinking Water Specialist: Expert knowledge of environmental regulations and public drinking water systems. Masters + 3 years experience OR Bachelors + 5 years experience OR Associates +7 years experience OR HS/GED/HiSet + 9 years experience

Compensation: Salaried positions ranging from \$30-45/hr

Full Position Descriptions and Applications:

Research Fellow - Safe Drinking Water Facilitator: [Description](#), [Application](#)

Research Fellow - Safe Drinking Water Associate: [Description](#), [Application](#)

Research Fellow - Safe Drinking Water Specialist: [Description](#), [Application](#)