

## How to Apply

Send a curriculum vitae to the address below.

The following information must be included in your curriculum vitae or submitted separately for us to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment:

- Copy of your college transcripts or list of college courses (include a description of any course not readily identifiable by the title).
- Exact date or expected date (month/year) of completion of all Ph.D. degree requirements. Graduates of foreign universities must include proof that their Ph.D. degree is equivalent to one granted by an accredited U.S. college or university.
- List of publications, presentations, and honors/awards.
- One-page abstract of Ph.D. dissertation.
- Title of position for which you are applying and statement of how you meet the special requirements of the position. Include information concerning pertinent courses, publications, and accomplishments.
- Description of your paid and nonpaid work experience related to the position.
- Country of citizenship.
- Veteran's preference (if applicable).
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable).

## Open Period

Applications will be accepted between December 1, 2010 and March 25, 2011. Applications will be reviewed beginning December 17, 2010, and selections could be made any time after that date.

Send your application and supporting materials to:

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# Postdoctoral Opportunities

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**Economic  
Research  
Service**

Washington, DC

## The Economic Research Service (ERS) Postdoctoral Program

ERS has openings for postdoctoral positions in Washington, DC, in the following subject areas:

**Natural resources, environment, and energy economics**, for research on the design of markets and incentive programs aimed at increasing the provision of ecosystem services from agriculture, with a focus on policy and other factors in land use and land management decisions.

**Agricultural production and technology economics**, for research on technology diffusion and productivity in U.S. and global agriculture, with a focus on the implications of the global diffusion of biotechnology and other emerging technologies for shifting patterns of production and resource use.

**Rural Development:** Rural Sociologist/ Demographer for research on the role of demographic forces, including changes in racial/ethnic composition, age structure, and settlement patterns, on rural economic growth and household well-being.

### What Is ERS?

The Economic Research Service is a primary source of economic information and research in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. With 450 employees, ERS conducts a research program to inform public and private decisionmakers on economic and policy issues involving food, farming, natural resources, and rural development.

### Why Work at ERS?

Employment at ERS offers a stimulating intellectual environment with great potential for personal and professional growth. Our staff includes over 300 economists and social scientists working on timely, policy-relevant research. The selected Postdoc candidates will partner with coworkers from diverse backgrounds and will interact with other professionals through team projects, seminars, and collaboration with peers in other agencies and academia.

ERS analysts do research on a variety of topics, disseminating the results in quality inhouse publications, both in print and on our much-visited website. ERS analysts also publish in respected, peer-reviewed academic journals, further enhancing their professional credentials.

The Postdoc appointees to the ERS team will conduct independent and collaborative research on issues that matter, in a challenging environment in which to continue their professional careers.

### Salary and Benefits

The salary for these positions (including locality pay) is \$84,855. Benefits include eligibility for health insurance and life insurance. Appointees also earn annual and sick leave and receive 10 paid holidays per year.

## Advantages of working at ERS

### Opportunities to:

- Influence policy
- Publish and flourish
- Work with the highly regarded ERS team
- Attend stimulating seminars

### Employment that offers:

- Competitive salaries and benefits
- Unparalleled data resources
- State-of-the-art technical support
- A modern office facility in the heart of the Nation's capital

### Tenure

Temporary 2-year appointment. May be extended an additional year for a total of 3 years.

### Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must complete a Ph.D. prior to employment. Preference is given to candidates whose degree has been received not more than 4 years prior to employment. Candidates need not be U.S. citizens; however, noncitizens must meet certain criteria. Guidance on employment of noncitizens is found at:

<http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/hrd/jobs/VISA/countries.htm>

Detailed information on Federal employment of non-citizens is available at:

[http://www.opm.gov/employ/html/non\\_cit.htm](http://www.opm.gov/employ/html/non_cit.htm)

