

Working Title: Healthy Aging Data and Evaluation Specialist - Research Scientist 2
Job Class: Research Scientist 2
Agency: Health Department

- **Job ID:** 91489
- **Location:** St. Paul
- **Telework Eligible:** Yes / Hybrid
- **Full/Part Time:** Full-Time
- **Regular/Temporary:** Unlimited
- **Who May Apply:** Open to all qualified job seekers and bidders simultaneously. Bidders will be considered through 01/22/2026.
- **Date Posted:** 01/16/2026
- **Closing Date:** 01/22/2026
- **Hiring Agency:** Health Department
- **Division/Unit:** Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (HPCD) Division / Aging and Healthy Communities Unit
- **Work Shift/Work Hours:** Day Shift / 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Days of Work:** Monday - Friday
- **Travel Required:** Yes - Up to 25% of the time
- **Salary Range:** \$32.40 - \$47.76 / hourly; \$67,651 - \$99,722 / annually
- **Classified Status:** Classified
- **Bargaining Unit/Union:** 214 - MN Assoc of Professional Empl/MAPE
- **FLSA Status:** Exempt - Professional
- [Designated in Connect 700 Program for Applicants with Disabilities:](#) Yes

The work you'll do is more than just a job.

At the State of Minnesota, employees play a critical role in developing policies, providing essential services, and working to improve the well-being and quality of life for all Minnesotans. The State of Minnesota is committed to equity and inclusion, and invests in employees by providing benefits, support resources, and training and development opportunities.

Job Summary

The Healthy Aging Data and Evaluation Specialist position exists to shape and guide the use of data to improve outcomes for brain health, including Epilepsy, Dementia, and their risk factors, and other indicators for healthy aging in Minnesota through data-driven public health initiatives.

Key Responsibilities:

- Developing strategies to improve data collection, sharing, and utilization in partnership with multi-sector statewide partners.
- Analyzing and interpreting data to identify trends, patterns, and insights that can inform public health actions, and ensuring that data collection and analysis efforts promote health equity.
- Evaluate the design, implementation, and outcomes of public health programs through program assessment, data collection and analysis, and reporting.
- Assist in policy development that supports the effective use of data.

The telework policy exempts employees who live more than 50 miles from their primary work location from the 50% in-office requirement to help the State of Minnesota benefit from top talent in every corner of the state.

Minimum Qualifications

To be considered for this position, the minimum qualifications listed below must be clearly demonstrated on the applicant's resume/application.

Three (3) years of experience in data science, analytics, interoperability, data equity, informatics, business intelligence, artificial intelligence, data strategy, data modernization, governance and/or research. Experience must include the following:

- Programmatic evaluation design and methodology
- Scientific, experimental, statistical, and research design and methodology

Minimum Qualifications to be assessed at interview:

- Experience in chronic disease surveillance data sources, methodologies, and literature.
- Ability to analyze and interpret program evaluation data.
- Ability to connect epidemiology related to chronic disease with evaluation efforts.
- Ability to facilitate inclusive group discussions with diverse internal and external partners.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working in chronic disease surveillance data sources, methodologies, and literature.
- Strong ability to identify and evaluate scientific literature, synthesize relevant information, and make recommendations.
- Master's degree in public health, social science research, epidemiology, health services research or another related health field.

Additional Requirements

This position requires successful completion of a background check and employment reference check.

This employment does not require a valid driver's license, but it does demand travel, which the candidate will be responsible for meeting.

How to Apply

Select "Apply for Job" at the top of this page. If you have questions about applying for jobs, contact the Careers Help Desk at [651-259-3637](tel:651-259-3637) or email careers@state.mn.us. For additional information about the application process, go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

Contact

If you have questions about this position, contact Katelyn Rigdon at katelyn.rigdon@state.mn.us or [651-539-3036](tel:651-539-3036).

To receive consideration as a Connect 700 Program applicant, apply online, email the Job ID#, the Working Title and your valid Proof of Eligibility Certificate by the closing date to Katelyn Rigdon at katelyn.rigdon@state.mn.us.

If you are an individual with a disability and need an accommodation for an interview, you may contact the Department of Health ADA Coordinator at health.hr.ada@state.mn.us.

About Health Department

Come work for one of the best public health systems in the nation and you will contribute to our mission to protect, maintain and improve the health of all Minnesotans. We are working hard to achieve our vision for health equity in Minnesota, where all communities are thriving, and all people have what they need to be healthy. Our collaborative, mission-driven work environment is a major factor in promoting a high level of employee health awareness, employee longevity and job satisfaction.

Working together to improve the state we love.

What do Minnesota's State employees have in common?

- A sense of purpose in their work
- Connection with their coworkers and communities
- Opportunities for personal and professional growth

Benefits

As an employee, you'll have access to one of the most affordable health insurance plans in Minnesota, along with other benefits to help you and your family be well.

Your benefits may include:

- Paid vacation and sick leave
- 12 paid holidays each year
- Low-cost medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug plans
 - Fertility care, including IVF
 - Diabetes care
 - Dental and orthodontic care for adults and children
- 6 weeks paid leave for parents of newborn or newly adopted children
- Pension plan that provides income when you retire (after working at least three years)
- Employer paid life insurance to provide support for your family in the event of death
- Short-term and long-term disability insurance that can provide income if you are unable to work due to illness or injury
- Tax-free expense accounts for health, dental, and dependent care
- Resources that provide support and promote physical, emotional, social, and financial well-being

Support to help you reach your career goals:

- Training, classes, and professional development
- Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (Some positions may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. For more information, visit the Federal Student Aid website at studentaid.gov)

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for work/life support:

- A voluntary confidential program that helps employees and their families with life challenges that may impact overall health, personal well-being, or job performance
- Common sources of stress can be addressed through the EAP: mental health, relationship challenges (personal and work), grief and loss, finances, and legal issues
- Daily Living/Convenience Services: Chore services, home repair, trip planning, child/elder care

Programs, resources and benefits eligibility varies based on type of employment, agency, funding availability, union/collective bargaining agreement, location, and length of service with the State of Minnesota.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS

Minnesota state agencies are equal opportunity, affirmative action, and veteran-friendly employers. State agencies are committed to creating a workforce that reflects the diversity of the state and strongly encourages persons of color and Indigenous communities, members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, individuals with disabilities, women, and veterans to apply. The varied experiences and perspectives of employees strengthen the work we do together and our ability to best serve Minnesotans.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and disabilities related to pregnancy or childbirth), gender identity, gender expression, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, status regarding public assistance, disability, veteran status or activity in a local Human Rights Commission or any other characteristic protected by law.

APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Minnesota state agencies make reasonable accommodations to their employees and applicants with disabilities. If you have a disability and need assistance in searching or applying for jobs with the State of Minnesota, call the Careers Help Desk at [651-259-3637](tel:651-259-3637) or email careers@state.mn.us and let us know the support you need.