Nature of Work

The Research Specialist is the entry level of a job series which describes jobs which provide highly specialized technical support in an academic, research or public service setting.

The incumbents in this job series are distinguished from Research Associates since field work is often limited, the minimum qualifications emphasize technical skills and abilities and the work often requires physically demanding tasks. Generally, incumbents provide support to a variety of projects/programs.

Examples of Work

(These examples are intended to illustrate the various types of work performed by employees with this title. All of the work performed by incumbents with this title may not be listed, nor are all of the examples listed performed by every incumbent.)

Performs technical support in one or more highly specialized areas such as production of glassware for experiments, machine work, electronics or instrumentation for research projects.

Incumbent is responsible for the care of equipment and machinery used in the production of final materials.

Provides assistance in the design of products requiring an understanding of the project/program.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree or equivalent (4 years) teaching/ research/ professional/ administrative officer level experience. Incumbent should have at least 1 year of related experience.