



## Job Description

**Position:** Nutrition Epidemiologist

**Reports to:** Senior Director of Nutrition

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### SUMMARY

The Hass Avocado Board's (HAB) mission and vision are:

**Mission:** HAB exists to support the global avocado industry stakeholders in our collective efforts toward market expansion in the U.S.

**Vision:** HAB is the catalyst for fresh avocados being the number one consumed fruit in the U.S. and industry stakeholders being successful.

The **Nutrition Epidemiologist**, under the direction of the Senior Director of Nutrition, is responsible for providing subject matter expertise and project management for the nutrition research pipeline to align with HAB's vision. The Nutrition Epidemiologist will stay up-to-date on the latest science related to avocados, monitor projects, analyze publically available datasets and publish findings in peer-reviewed journals, and communicate research results and progress to staff.

Travel will be required to attend scientific meetings and meet with academic scientists.

### REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

The position reports to the Senior Director of Nutrition of the Hass Avocado Board and works day-to-day with external consultants, academic scientists, and nutrition professionals.

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintains professional research expertise by staying abreast of the scientific literature, membership in scientific societies and attending scientific meetings
- Analyzes observational data (ex. NHANES) and publishes the findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- Monitors daily execution of a portfolio of observational-based avocado research by identifying gaps and opportunities in the science, reviewing proposals and protocols, facilitating external scientific reviews, and conducting site visits to monitor study progress

- Supports staff, agency partners, and contractors on scientific communications
- Publishes scientific papers, review articles, perspectives, and scientific reports
- Develops and coordinates scientific symposia and meetings

## **EDUCATION & SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ph.D. nutritional epidemiology, epidemiology, or nutrition science. Preferred background in biostatistics
- Clear experience in designing, writing and following an analysis plan for a variety of study designs; managing and analyzing data using statistical computing software; working with large data sets
- Experience in project management and study monitoring
- Detail-oriented and ability to manage multiple projects at a time
- Solid problem-solving skills, resourceful, and adaptable
- Excellent technical writing and communication skills

## **LOCATION, COMPENSATION, AND BENEFITS**

The Hass Avocado Board is headquartered in Mission Viejo, CA. The candidate may have the opportunity to work remotely.

Compensation for the position will be commensurate with experience. HAB offers a comprehensive benefits package, including generous retirement package, health, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance.

If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to [Nikki@hassavocado.com](mailto:Nikki@hassavocado.com).