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The Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) is a jointly administered, multidisciplinary research and education program between the University of Maryland and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Institute is the foundation of public and private partnerships that provide a scientific basis for ensuring a safe, wholesome food supply as well as provide the infrastructure for contributions to national food safety programs and international food standards.

JIFSAN's Food Safety Risk Analysis programs are incorporated into the FoodRisk.org project, which provides an online resource for Food Safety Risk Analysis. The aim of JIFSAN's Risk Analysis programs are to assist professionals involved in risk analysis as it pertains to the safety of our food.

In collaboration with French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), JIFSAN is working to analyze food safety risk assessments to categorize how uncertainty is expressed. This position will focus on supporting this project (HolyRisk) and will provide the unique opportunity to gain experience in the field of food safety risk analysis.

Responsibilities:

- Classify/Annotate instances of uncertainty expression using an ontology of uncertainty variables and enter into an online database (called coding)
- Assess these variables and their definitions and suggest new variables when necessary
- Analyze risk assessment and management documents as a whole and glean them for important information
- Collaborate with other annotators, or "coders", to compare uncertainty variable choices

Qualifications:

- Ability to understand scientific papers and documents and knowledge of the scientific method (particularly in the field of chemical and life sciences)
- Good general computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Adobe Acrobat)
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Self-motivation and a sense of initiative

This is a part-time position (15 to 20 hours/week) and is available immediately. Applications (resume and unofficial transcript) may be submitted to Samantha Watters at samurai7@umd.edu. Please reference this position title.

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