

Technology Researchers, Engineers, UX Researchers, Content Strategists, Data Scientists, Product Managers at the FTC (Part or Full-Time Detail)

Process: [Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program](#)

Duration: 3 months – 2 years, project will be assigned based on expertise and fit

Commitment: Part-time or Full-time

Location: Remote

Start: Imminently, 2021

About the FTC:

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is looking for thoughtful and collaborative leaders to work on a variety of technology-related consumer protection and competition issues throughout the agency. Created in 1914, the FTC has a storied history of authority to shape markets to be more competitive and fair. The FTC's mission is to protect consumers and competition by preventing anticompetitive, deceptive, and unfair business practices.

What we're looking for:

We are seeking technologists, researchers, engineers, UX designers, content strategists, and product managers to join us at the FTC. We aim to hire people who can adapt to a project's needs, though we also hire specialists for particular projects. You will be working on consumer protection or competition related projects that are relevant to your specific technical area of expertise.

We are committed to building a team that is reflective of the communities we serve and strongly encourage people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, women, minorities, people with disabilities, system-impacted people, veterans, and people of all ages to apply.

We are seeking a variety of candidates with the following skills or subject matter expertise including but not limited to: Advertising technology; Artificial intelligence; Computer science; Content management & strategy; Data analysis; Data science; Digital forensics; Human-centered design or research, Mis/disinformation, Privacy or Security; Quantitative and qualitative research; Product or service design and engineering; Programming and application development; Prototyping; Social science research or fieldwork; Software engineering; Social media and tech platforms; UX design and research

What you will do:

- Work on small teams to drive the investigative efforts of our work for projects that affect millions of consumers. You'll be involved from concept to implementation, technical investigative research, and championing user needs.
- Conceptualize, develop, and conduct a research project, potentially using a range of technical or design methods.
- Develop and produce written and verbal reports, memos, and briefing materials in tandem with other analysts and subject matter experts.
- You will collaborate closely with the Office of the Chief Technologist, the Office of Technology Research and Investigation, and our attorneys to provide leadership and insights that will help the FTC effectively protect consumers and competition in the digital world and stay on the cutting edge of technology.

Ideal candidates:

- Equal parts systems thinker and advocate for end users
- Highly resourceful, reliable, and detail-oriented self-starter
- Ability to work independently with minimal oversight
- Ability to lead or contribute to investigative research, and conduct in-depth user interviews and usability studies
- Ability to communicate complex technical concepts with non-technical audiences
- Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated experience managing down, laterally, and up for successful outcomes

To apply, please submit the following to vlee@ftc.gov:

- Cover letter describing your current work and why you would be the ideal candidate for this position
- Your resume
- A link to your portfolio (if relevant)

For any questions, please reach out to vlee@ftc.gov.