

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS MUST QUALIFY FOR ONE OF THE [EXEMPTION CRITERIA](#) SET FORTH IN RCW 41.06.070.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL
Benchmark Job Class
Scientific Assistant/1161**

Function and General Scope

Positions assigned to this class are responsible for performing laboratory and/or field research involving biological science, chemical science, physical science or engineering disciplines. Positions require spending the majority of the time in identifying and defining research problems, designing approaches or hypothesis and methodology, designing specific phases of research projects, analyzing results, developing conclusions and hypothesis, and/or presenting research results in publishable form. Duties include but are not limited to, conducting highly complex, advanced technical laboratory analyses; designs, selects, modifies and/or adapts procedures to specific project requirements; evaluates research data; ensuring quality control, makes substantive suggestions for improvement in techniques and interpretation, which requires significant, in-depth knowledge of specific area of study.

Classification Requirements (Minimum Qualifications)

Positions require a Bachelor's degree in an appropriate related scientific or engineering discipline and three (3) years of progressively responsible related professional research experience. Any combination of relevant education and experience may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. A Master's degree in an appropriate related scientific or engineering discipline may be substituted for up to one (1) year of the required work experience.