



ECONOMIC SPECIALIST

An opportunity is available to work as an Economic Specialist within the Economic Section at the U.S. Embassy, Canberra.

Salary: A\$103,666 p.a. + superannuation benefits
Full-time 40hours per week.

All applicants must address the selection criteria detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. A bachelor's degree in economics, statistics, mathematics, public or business administration is required.
2. Five years' experience working in an economic policy environment and a demonstrated ability to work as part of a team is required.
3. Level 4 (Fluent) written and spoken English is required. This will be tested.
4. In-depth knowledge of Australian economic policies and government economic agencies is required.
5. Excellent drafting skills and the research ability to gather, analyze and synthesize information from varied sources into a coherent report.

For further information and the selection criteria please refer to the [duties and responsibilities statement](#).

Forward letter, response to the selection criteria, and resume to the Regional Human Resources Office, American Embassy, Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT 2600 or via email to: usaembrhro@state.gov by **April 2, 2014**.

Hand delivered applications cannot be accepted. Offers of employment are subject to medical and security clearances.

Note: *Only short listed applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants not short listed, we extend our appreciation for considering the US Government as a potential employer.*

The U.S. Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and maintains a drug free work environment.

POSITION TITLE: ECONOMIC SPECIALIST

**POSITION GRADE LE- 10
(STARTING SALARY A\$103,666)**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Basic Function of the Position

The Economic Specialist provides analysis and policy advice on Australian and global economic and environmental developments. Cultivates key contacts, drafts briefing memos, and researches economic data. The Economic Specialist must be able to grasp the broad thrust of USG economic and trade policy and judiciously apply it to specific issues that arise in the context of domestic and regional economic developments, policy and legislative changes, multilateral trade negotiations and other multilateral initiatives. Must be able to articulate USG policy persuasively with senior interlocutors at a very complex level of economic discussions.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Prue Fuller at (02) 6214 5778.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

The Economic Specialist is fully integrated into the strategic planning of the Economic Section and must have the confidence and professional competence to contribute coherent analysis and keen judgment – even in opposition to the consensus or to longstanding beliefs. The Economic Specialist must operate effectively and collegially with a rotating staff of six American officers up to the Counselor level, in addition to providing briefings for the Ambassador and DCM. The Economic Specialist will also work with a wide range of USG officials, ranging from visiting Members of Congress to senior trade negotiators. On specific subtopics of Australian economic policy, the Economic Specialist will be the expert resource for the Economic Section.

Selection Criteria

All applicants **must** address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

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NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a Sensitive But Unclassified security clearance.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); or

A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix below); or

A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; plus
All applicants must address the selection criteria with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application

Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Regional Human Resources Office
American Embassy
Moonah Place
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

or via email to: usaembrhro@state.gov

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 2, 2014

The U.S. Mission in Australia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

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APPENDIX

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, provide Driver's License Class / Type

L. Days available to work

M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)

N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference

O. Education

P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition

Q. Language Skills

R. Work Experience

S. References