



**U.S. Consulate General  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Date: September 18, 2015  
Vacancy Number: 16/2015**

**To: All Interested Candidates/All Sources**

**Subject: Vacancy – Senior Information Specialist**

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**Note: All Ordinarily Resident (OR) applicants must have the required work and/or residency permits at the time of application to be eligible for consideration. The Mission does not sponsor work permits.**

**Position:** SENIOR INFORMATION SPECIALIST,  
PN#: C73-6105-030 - FSN-11, FP-4\*

**Opening date:** September 18, 2015

**Closing date:** October 2, 2015

**Work hours:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**Starting Salary Range:** Ordinarily Resident (OR): R\$159,861,00 p.a.  
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): US\$62,796.00 p.a.\*\*

\* Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant

\*\* Overseas Comparability Pay will apply if an FMA appointment

**The U.S. Consulate General Rio de Janeiro is seeking an individual for the position of Senior Information Specialist in the Public Affairs Office.**

**Basic Function of Position**

The Senior Information Specialist serves as the principal advisor on traditional and social media affairs and advocacy for the U.S. Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro. Incumbent advises the Public Affairs Officer/ Information Officer (PAO/IO) and others on responding to local press inquiries in order to achieve the desired outcome for the USG and supervises the Information Assistants and Audio-Visual Technician, providing coaching and managing their professional development.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office.

## **Qualifications Required**

Items 1-5 are all required.

### **Notes:**

- 1) Applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of your application.
- 2) Applicants are required to submit their applications or resumes in English.

### **1) Education**

University degree in journalism, communications, marketing, public relations, international affairs, or social sciences is required.

### **2) Experience**

- Experience working in media, marketing, public relations or as a journalist or editor is required.
- Progressively responsible supervisory experience is required.

### **3) Language (These may be tested)**

- Level IV (Fluent) in speaking/reading/writing in English is required.
- Level IV (Fluent) in speaking/reading/writing in Portuguese is required.

### **4) Knowledge (These may be tested)**

- Knowledge of Brazilian media trends and developments, as well as press freedom matters is required.
- Must be familiar with the media organizations' structure and have contacts within the media community.
- Understanding of the principles of "visual and digital diplomacy", and its application to use of photography, graphics, and video to communicate with USG target audiences-is required.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of ever-changing relationships between senior owner, board, editorial, and reporting level contacts of each outlet is required.

### **5) Skills and Abilities (These may be tested)**

- Interpersonal and public relations skills, which enable the employee to cultivate and maintain high-level media contacts is required.
- Excellent writing and editing skills, including an ability to quickly read, translate and summarize articles in English and Portuguese, as well as editing and mentoring more junior staff on their own skills in this area is required.
- Ability to analyze and draft a host of media-analysis products, including memos and front channel reporting on the Brazilian media and related political and economic matters is required.

- Superior computer skills, including the use of word processing, contact management software and internet search tools are required.
- Confidentiality and trustworthiness, especially on any tasks of a sensitive nature are required. Superior organizational, logistical and supervisory skills are also required.

### **Selection Process**

When fully qualified, U. S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Qualified USEFM applicants who are also U.S. Veterans will receive the highest preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

### **Additional Selection Criteria (see Appendix A for definitions)**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, continuity 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. Current Ordinarily Resident employees of the Mission may only apply for positions at or above their current grade level.
5. 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.
6. 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.

### **To Apply**

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration or their application will not be considered:

1. Applicants who claim EFM or MOH status must include in the cover letter accompanying their application that they are claiming EFM/MOH status, their present nationality, and name and employing section/agency of their sponsoring family member.
2. Application for U.S. Federal Employment DS 174 (available from the Mission website); **or**

3. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the DS-174 (*see Appendix B for more information*).  
**plus**

4. 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.

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

**Submit application to**

Email: [riorecruitment@state.gov](mailto:riorecruitment@state.gov) with vacancy title: **Senior Information Specialist**

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**Closing date for this position: October 2, 2015**

The US Mission in Brazil 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.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

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## APPENDIX A

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM)**: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM)**: For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM)**: EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#),

Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. Mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of Mission authority; and

- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH)**: An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

## **APPENDIX B**

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the DS-174.

### **Failure to do so will result in disqualification of your 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. Date and Place of Birth
- G. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- H. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- I. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- J. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- K. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- L. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class/Type
- M. Days available to work
- N. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- O. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- P. Education
- Q. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- R. Language Skills
- S. Work Experience
- T. References