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Location: VANCOUVER, CANADA

CONSULAR ASSISTANT

VACANCY NUMBER: 14-13

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

This Vacancy is **Open**

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Consular Assistant **Grade:** FSN-7; FP-7*

OPENING DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2014

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, February 05, 2014

WORK HOURS: Full time; 40 hours per week

SALARY: Ordinarily Residents - FSN-7/1, $47,572.00 CAD per annum
*Not-Ordinarily Residents - FP-7/1, $40,394.00 USD per annum

LENGTH OF HIRE: PSA/FMA

NOTE: ONLY CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP OR HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCE PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Consulate in VANCOUVER is seeking an individual for employment in CANADA for the position of Consular Assistant in the Consular Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Accepts full range of American Citizen Services (ACS) applications, including passports, Loss of Nationality, CRBA, and other citizenship claims, and processes cases, adhering closely to the INA and FAM, up to adjudication by Consular Officer; also determines if any special handling is required. Prepares notarial services from the public and from post personnel for final action by FSO. Flags potential fraud indicators and appropriate lines of inquiry to the adjudicating officer.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each of the six required

qualifications detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Education: Completion of two years of post-secondary education in general studies.

2. Experience: Minimum of four years of progressively responsible consular work experience in a position which required extensive public contact and the application of highly regulated materials.

3. Language: Level IV (fluent) reading/writing/speaking English.

4. Knowledge: Jobholder must have an excellent knowledge of the consular operational environment and in depth knowledge of ACS regulations, procedures and processes.

5. Skills and Abilities: Jobholder must be able to work efficiently and accurately with complex regulatory materials and must possess excellent writing skills in order to respond to public and internal inquiries.

6. Interpersonal Skills: Must have the ability to tactfully interact face-to-face with clients in a polite and professional manner.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Preference Candidates should clearly identify themselves in the subject line. It is also essential that candidates address the required qualifications above in the application.

Candidates for employment are normally hired at the first step of the grade of the position. However, HR Ottawa may consider previous salary history in determining a salary level above Step 1. Documentation must be provided to confirm salary rates above Step 1. For USEFMs, an SF-50 personnel action is required.

When a candidate meets all the advertised requirements of the position (e.g. education, prior work experience, language), but has no knowledge of the internal operating procedures of the section or agency, they may be hired at a Developmental Level.

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. Temporary employees do not serve probationary period therefore they are eligible to apply for positions.

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 U.S. 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. Candidates must be able to obtain and hold a non-sensitive security clearance for this position and pass a medical examination.

7. Testing may be conducted to ensure eligibility levels for specified skills and abilities are met.

TO APPLY

All applications must include:

1. A cover letter addressing each of the six required qualifications detailed in the job announcement by identifying them and addressing how the applicant meets each of the qualifications.

2. Resumes will not be accepted. It is a requirement that all applicants fill out the DS-174 Universal Application Form which can be found on the website at http://canada.usembassy.gov/about-us/human-resources.html.

3. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFM's) and U.S. Veterans are preference candidates and should identify themselves accordingly on the application. Candidates who claim U.S. Veteran preference must include a copy of their DD-214 (Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States).

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

5. Proof of eligibility to work in Canada (i.e. copy of passport, birth certificate, permanent residency card, etc.)

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: Human Resources Office
U.S. Consulate General
#107-280 Nelson Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 2E2

You may also e-mail the Applications to: (vancouverhr@state.gov) and Reference Job Announcement number.

POINT OF CONTACT: Kevin Williamson
Phone:(604) 685-4311

DEFINITIONS

I. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) - For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see below) at least 18 years of age; 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 FAM3232.2.

II. EFM: An individual related to a U.S. 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, step-children 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 step-parents 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 step-sisters and step-brothers, 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.

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

IV. 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 tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).
NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

V. Ordinarily Resident (OR) - A Foreign National or U.S. 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 U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. Citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local

Compensation Package (LCP).

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2014

The U.S. Mission in Canada 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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