

EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

AMERICAN EMBASSY KOLONIA

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 15-05

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources

POSITION: *Public Diplomacy/Staff Assistant, LE-9;
FP-5**

OPENING DATE: July 17, 2015

CLOSING DATE: July 31, 2015

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Starting salary at FP-5; Step to be determined by Washington

*Ordinarily-Resident (OR): Starting salary at \$17,902, LE-9

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

The U.S. Embassy in Kolonia is seeking an individual for the position of Public Diplomacy/Staff Assistant in the Executive Office and Public Diplomacy Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The employee serves as Public Diplomacy Chief and Staff Assistant to the Ambassador. Advises the Ambassador and larger United States Mission to the Federated States of Micronesia on public advocacy, representational events, and core contacts. Initiates, organizes, and analyzes the impact of public

diplomacy programs. Drafts Press releases, speeches and other public diplomacy outreach materials. Oversees the Education USA program. Acts as Grants Officer Representative for a number of public diplomacy programs including the International Visitor's Leadership Program, the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, and the Small Grants Program.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact the U.S. Embassy at (691) 320-2187.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

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

- University degree in international relations, political science, public relations, communications/journalism, law or related fields is required.
- Four years progressively responsible experience in public relations, government, NGO, or politics is required.
- Level IV (Fluent) in speaking/reading/writing English is required.
- Thorough knowledge of the host country's government, media, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), commercial, social and educational structure and key personalities is required; good knowledge of U.S. Government, U.S. media, environmental, business, education, and political processes.
- Ability to speak and write persuasively in support of U.S. goals and policies and to provide advice on commercial, economic, environmental, and media affairs is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

It is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application. Furthermore, fully-qualified U.S. citizen Eligible Family Members (EFM) and U.S. Veterans are given preference.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
- Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
- Current OR employees with an overall summary rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
- 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.
- Current Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) employees 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.
- The candidate must be able to obtain and hold appropriate security clearance.

TO APPLY

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

- Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174); **or**
- A current resume that provides the same information found on the UAE. This information includes:
 - Position title
 - Position grade
 - Vacancy announcement number (if known)
 - Dates available for work
 - First, middle, and last name as well as any other names used
 - Date and place of birth
 - Current address (day & evening) and telephone & cell phone numbers
 - U.S. citizenship status (Yes or No) and status of

permanent U.S. resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)

- U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) and/or Identification Number
- Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- Special accommodations the Mission needs to provide if applying for position that includes driving a United States Government (USG) vehicle, driver's license class /type
- Days available to work
- List any relatives or members of your household that work for the USG (include their name, relationship, agency, position, and location)
- U.S. EFMs and Veterans hiring preference
- Education
- License, skills, training, membership, and recognition
- Language skills
- Work experience
- References

Failure to provide all designated information will result in an incomplete application; 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**
- 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

Human Resources Office
U.S. Embassy
P.O. Box 1286
Kolonias, Pohnpei, FM 96941

POINT OF CONTACT

Human Resources Office
Telephone: (691)-320-2187
FAX: (691)-320-2186

DEFINITIONS

- **Eligible Family Member (EFM)**: An individual related to a USG 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.

- **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 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 Chief of Mission (COM) authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); and either:
 - Resides at the sponsoring employee's or Uniformed Service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the AIT; or
 - Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.
- **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 AIT, and who is under COM authority; and
 - Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, an office of the AIT.
 - Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity.
- **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 AIT. A MOH is:
 - Not an EFM; and,
 - Not on 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, or 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

U.S. Citizen.

- **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** - An individual who:
 - Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
 - Does not ordinarily reside (see below) in the host country; and,
 - Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
 - Has a U.S. SSN.

NOR employees are compensated under a General Service or Foreign Service salary schedule, not under the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

- **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. SSNs are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 31, 2015

The U.S. Mission in Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia 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 (EEO) 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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