

Position Vacancy Announcement

U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL MATAMOROS

NO: 12/05
OPEN TO: ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES
POSITION: **A71-001 PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ASSISTANT, FSN-8, FP-06***
OPENING DATE: MAY 4, 2012
CLOSING DATE: MAY 18, 2012
WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/per week
SALARY: *Not-Ordinarily Resident (see definitions): Starting Salary and Position Grade FP-06 to be confirmed by Washington.
*Ordinarily Resident: \$271,821.12 pesos per year (Starting salary) (Position Grade: FSN-8)

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

*Eligible Family Members and Members of Household must have at least one year remaining to their tour of duty to apply for this job.

NOTE: Consideration of EFM's will be based on funding availability. Please contact the EFM Coordinator at x4096 for more details.

The U.S. Consulate General in Matamoros is seeking an individual for the position of Public Diplomacy Assistant for the Public Affairs Section (PA).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The employee develops and implements public diplomacy (PD) strategies and contacts to further U.S. Government goals and interests within the Consulate's district. Identifies key individuals and institutions, preparing analysis of public and private institutions on which public diplomacy programs will be focused. Manages logistics for PD programs; assists in all aspects of public outreach activities, such as media interviews and public speaking events, and social media engagement; secures approval for expenditure of PD funds and payment and receipt of grants reports.

QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE: All applicants must provide specific and comprehensive information and/or documentation that confirm/explain how they meet each of the requirements listed below.

- University degree in journalism, communications, international relations, social sciences, education or liberal arts is required.
- One year of experience in journalism, public relations or cultural programming in Mexico is required.
- Level IV (Fluent) English and Spanish (spoken, written and comprehension) is required.
- Good organizational and public relations skills, as well as basic computer skills in Word processing, databases, Power Point and Internet functions are required.
- Ability to multitask and to draft correspondence, reports, proposals and other office communications in Spanish and English is required.
- A valid driver's license is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFM's) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential for the candidate to address the required qualifications above in the application.

All applicants must pass a rigorous security clearance process.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism, conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFM's who hold an FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
3. Currently employed Not Ordinarily Residents (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.
4. All Locally Employed Staff (LES) who have less than one year working in a position are not eligible to apply.
5. In adherence to the recent guidance from the government of Mexico (GOM) to comply with the Mexican Nationality Law, all Mexican-American dual nationals need to be aware that they will be recognized as Mexican nationals by the GOM. Dual nationals are hereby advised that this may affect their application for employment as well as their application for security clearance. Until further guidance is received from the Legal Office of the State Department, EFM's will continue to be hired under the American Pay Plan; however, should the new policy be implemented, their appointment may change to the Local Compensation Plan.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position MUST SUBMIT ALL BELOW-LISTED DOCUMENTS, or the application will NOT BE CONSIDERED*:

Applications will be considered **ONLY** if the applicant meets the English/Spanish level required for this position.

1. Form DS-174, Application for Locally Employed Staff (LES) and Eligible Family Members (EFM), which can be found at <http://matamoros.usconsulate.gov/matamoros/vacancies.html>
2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
3. Other documentation (e.g., school diplomas, school transcripts, certificates, awards, essays) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.
4. Proof of English proficiency (required only for applicants whose mother tongue is not English*):

* Applicants whose mother tongue is English must provide enough supporting documentation to prove it (e.g. school grades) and may be administered a Spanish test.

*Bilingual applicants who have a university degree from the U.S. or another English speaking country do not need to provide a valid TOEIC/TOEFL test score, but must provide a copy of their university degree in their application package.

External candidates: A valid TOEIC or TOEFL test score, for non-native speaker, not older than 2 years of this announcement's closing date.

Internal candidates: Those applicants whose current position has a lower level of English than the one required on this announcement will have to provide a valid TOEIC or TOEFL test score, for non-native speaker, not older than 2 years of this announcement's closing date.

If a current employee is in a position that has the same or higher level of English than the position s/he is applying for, and s/he is performing the job satisfactorily, s/he will NOT be required to take the English test. If no internal English test has been ever administered to the employee, then s/he will have to provide a valid TOEIC or TOEFL test score, for non-native speaker, not older than 2 years of this announcement's closing date.

The scores for Level IV (Fluent) are: (TOEIC PBT850+ or TOEFL ITP/PBT 620+ or TOEFL iBT 106+)

Applicants who do not provide a test score in their application package must be registered for the English test by May 10, 2012 before noon, to be considered.

- Closer administration in Matamoros: TOEIC, Harmon Hall, Calle 7 #9, between Mina and Ocampo, Zona Centro, Matamoros, Tam., tel. 816-6060, Attn. Carolina García. **Please indicate you are applying for a job at the Consulate.** Next test administration: May 27, 2012; Cost: \$775 Pesos (this cost may change without notice). Cost is the applicant's responsibility.

SUBMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE TO

Human Resources Office

U.S. Consulate General Matamoros

Calle Azucenas #8, Col. Jardín

Matamoros, Tam., 87330

Or email it to HRMatamoros@state.gov

Please check the U.S. Consulate web site for future vacancy announcements at:

<http://matamoros.usconsulate.gov/matamoros/vacancies.html>

DEFINITIONS

1. **AEFM:** A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided he or she meets all of the following criteria:
 - U.S. Citizen;
 - Spouse or child who is at least age 18;
 - Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;
 - Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safe haven abroad, or alternate safe haven abroad; and
 - Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the U.S. Civil or Foreign services.

2. **EFM:** Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
3. **Member of Household:** A MOH is a person who: 1) has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2) has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) resides at post with the sponsoring employee.
4. **Ordinarily Resident (OR):** A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.
5. **Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR):** Typically NORs are U.S. Citizen EFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniform service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: May 18, 2012

The U.S. Mission in Mexico 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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