

**U.S. Embassy Rabat ✧ Human Resources Office**  
**Vacancy Announcement**  
**Agricultural Specialist**  
**Announcement Number: 14-52**

**OPEN TO:** ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES  
**POSITION:** Agriculture Specialist, FSN-10\*; FSN-11\*; FP-5\*; FP-4\*  
**OPENING DATE:** Monday, September 15, 2014  
**CLOSING DATE:** Friday, October 3, 2014  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time, 40 hours/week  
**SALARY:** \* Actual grade and salary will be based on the qualifications of the applicant

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

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The U.S. Embassy in Rabat is seeking an individual for the position of Agricultural Specialist.

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:** The incumbent works to promote U.S. agricultural exports to Morocco, through market research and analysis, reporting, identifying and organizing appropriate marketing activities, and pursuing trade policy objectives. S/he supports any other U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) activities in Morocco.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE:** All applicants *must* meet all qualifications and provide supporting documentation for each criterion below

**Education:** Possession of master's college degree in agricultural economics, agricultural marketing, business, general agriculture, or economics is required.

**Experience:** Minimum five years of prior experience in the economic aspects of agriculture, including experience in marketing and/or the analysis and interpretation of data and presentation of findings in written format is required.

**Language:** Level 4 (fluency) in English, Arabic, and French is required.

**Knowledge:**

-A thorough understanding of the state of agricultural development and trade in Morocco is required.

-Familiarity with government offices and trade associations concerned with agricultural imports is required.

**Abilities and Skills:**

-Ability to develop and maintain an extensive range of senior level contacts in governmental and private sector circles in Morocco is required.

-Ability to inter-relate developments in the field of agriculture to the broader forces at work in Morocco is required.

-Ability to plan, organize, and execute market development projects and complex research projects and to prepare precise and accurate analytical reports is required.

-Good computer operation skills and ability to effectively use Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is required.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

When equally qualified, US Citizen EFMs and US Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate 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 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.

3. Currently employed US Citizen EFM's who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. 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.
5. Current Ordinarily Resident employees must serve in the same position for a period of 52 weeks before being eligible to apply for advertised positions. A waiver to this requirement by the employee and cleared by the American supervisor must be submitted to the Human Resources Officer for approval prior to applying for a position.

### **TO APPLY**

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

1. Universal Application for Employment, DS-174 form.
2. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional US Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g. education diplomas, essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

### **SUBMIT APPLICATION**

- a) By mail to: Human Resources Office  
Attention: Vacancy Announcement 14-52  
Address: 2 Avenue Mohamed El Fassi (ex-Marrakech), Rabat
- b) By e-mail: [RecruitmentRabat@state.gov](mailto:RecruitmentRabat@state.gov)

**Important: If your application has been selected for further consideration, you will be contacted within 3-6 weeks from the closing date of this vacancy announcement for further testing and/or interview.**

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**\*DEFINITIONS**

1. 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.

2. EFM: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse;
- 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 LCP.

**The US Mission in Morocco 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 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.