



U.S. MISSION WINDHOEK
Vacancy Announcement Number: 13/2016

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates / All Sources

POSITION: Information Assistant

OPENING DATE: April 13, 2016

CLOSING DATE: April 28, 2016

WORK HOURS: Full-Time: 40 hours/week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN-8 N\$ 313,286 pa

Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Position grade: FP-6

*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix for definition) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Namibia, Windhoek is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Information Assistant in the Public Affairs Section (PAS).

NOTE: Due to the high volume of applications received, we will only contact applicants who are being considered. Thank you for your understanding.

BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION

Incumbent works under the supervision of Public Affairs Officer, drafts a variety of media outreach and information products, including press releases, media advisories, and fact sheets. Acts as Web Content Editor for the main Internet home page and the public affairs pages, and searches for and recommends new content to the Public Affairs Officer. Interacts with a wide range of contacts in the media, non-governmental organizations, and the Namibian government. Reports on media placements, both to the Embassy community and to the Department of State and affiliated agencies in the United States.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

EDUCATION: Undergraduate university degree in the humanities or social sciences

EXPERIENCE: Five years progressive experience in communications, media, journalism or the public relations field.

LANGUAGE: (Applicants will be tested as applicable):
Level IV fluency in written and spoken English required.
Level IV fluency in Afrikaans.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Ability to work under extreme pressure and meet deadlines. Ability to adjust to rapidly changing priorities, including travel throughout Namibia. Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to advocate U.S. policy to local press and other Embassy contacts.

JOB KNOWLEDGE: Thorough knowledge of both U.S. and Namibian foreign and domestic policy issues and history. Expert knowledge of Namibian economic, social and political structures. Thorough understanding of public affairs processes, especially concerning the Namibian media and government regulation of the media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained on our website at <http://windhoek.usembassy.gov/about-us/job-opportunities.html> or by contacting the Human Resources Office.

HROWindhoek@state.gov

Subject: Information Assistant

HIRING PREFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran*
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP**

* **IMPORTANT:** Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of the most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and, if applicable, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If claiming conditional eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference, applicants must submit proof of conditional eligibility. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veterans' preference will not be considered in the application process. Mission HR's decision on eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference after reviewing all required documentation is final.

** This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

Management may consider any of the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.

Current OR 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 (EPR) are not eligible to apply.

Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See “For Further Information” above);
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.):

WHERE TO APPLY:

Human Resources Office
HRWindhoek@state.gov
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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission 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.

Appendix (DEFINITIONS)

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; and
Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)); or
Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support; or

Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; or

Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner 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; and

Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and

Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

U.S. Citizen; and

Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; or

Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and

Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; or resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; or

Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM for employment purposes is an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

U.S. Citizen; and

Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; or

Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and

Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); and

Is under chief of mission authority; and

Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and

Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies or joins a sponsoring employee, i.e., sponsor is a direct hire employee under Chief of Mission authority, either 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. A MOH is an individual who meets the following criteria:

Not an EFM and therefore not on the travel orders or approved through form OF-126 Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report of the sponsoring employee; and
Officially declared by the sponsoring U.S. Government employee to the Chief of Mission (COM) as part of his or her household and approved by the COM; and
Is a parent, grandparent, grandchild, unmarried partner, adult child, foreign born child in the process of being adopted, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister who falls outside the Department's current definition of Eligible Family Member 14 FAM 511.3. A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) - An individual who meets the following criteria:

An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
Is not a citizen of the host country; and
Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

A citizen of the host country; or
A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or is subject to host country employment and tax laws.