

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 15/05/46

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### **POLITICAL ASSISTANT FSN-9 (OR); FP-5 (NOR)**

**From:** Human Resources Office  
**Open to:** All interested candidates  
**Opening Date:** May 19, 2015  
**Closing Date:** June 2, 2015  
**Work Hours:** Full-time – 40 hours per week  
**Desired Start Date:** June 30, 2015

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ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENTS (OR) APPLICANTS (see Appendix A) MUST HAVE AND MUST SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

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The U.S. Embassy is seeking an individual for the position of Political Assistant in the Political Section (POL).

#### **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The Political Assistant provides political research, advice, and related services to the Political Section, and occasionally to other offices, including the Front Office. Performs analytical reporting of broad scope and complexity but with a particular focus on issues related to human and labor rights, social inclusion, and the rule of law. Works under the direct supervision of the Senior Political Specialist, and the overall direction of the Deputy Political Counselor. Develops and maintains a wide network of contacts and introduces them to officers in the Section. Provides expert policy recommendations regarding complex political developments in Peru to Embassy officials. Provides translation and interpretation services as necessary.

**Please note:** At the end of this Vacancy announcement you will find a complete list of the major duties and responsibilities of the position as defined in the Position Description.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS EACH SELECTION CRITERION DETAILED BELOW WITH SPECIFIC AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SUPPORTING EACH ITEM. IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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**1. Education:** Bachelor's degree in Law, Political Science, International Law, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Journalism is required.

**2. Experience:** Three years of progressive experience in social and legal analysis, activism or government, on issues related to the promotion of democracy or human, labor, or minority rights is required.

**3. Language:** Level III (Good working knowledge) Speaking/Reading English ability. Level IV (Fluent) Speaking/ Reading Spanish ability is required. This will be tested.

**4. Job Knowledge:** Understanding of Peruvian politics, particularly as they pertain to minorities and vulnerable populations in Peru is required. Knowledge of key Peruvian and international legislation and agreements regarding human rights and the rule of law is required. Must have the capability to rapidly gather relevant information on key political events, developments, and actors. Thorough knowledge of Peruvian civil society and NGO community is required.

**5. Skills and Abilities:** Must have overall knowledge of Peruvian politics, mainly in the human rights sector, and the ability to analyze trends. Must have ability to plan, organize, and execute research projects and to prepare precise and accurate factual and analytical reports. Ability to produce written reports and formal briefings that require little editing by supervisor is required.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

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

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Hiring Office will receive qualified applications in the following order:
  - a. applicants with hiring preference (U.S. EFMs and U.S. Veterans),
  - b. internal candidates, and
  - c. external candidates
2. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
3. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
4. Current Ordinarily Resident (OR) employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
5. 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.

6. Currently employed NORs hired under s 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.
7. U.S. Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), Eligible Family Members (EFMs), and Members of Household (MOH) are required to have at least one year remaining at post in order to apply for locally recruited positions.

### **TO APPLY**

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

1. [Universal Application for Employment \(UAE\)](#) as a Locally Employed Staff of Family Member (DS-174); or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); or
3. 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
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their DD-214 form 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. Please refer to [Veteran's Services](#) for further guidance.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirement of the position as listed above.

### **Submit applications to:**

[limarecruitment@state.gov](mailto:limarecruitment@state.gov)

- Please be sure to send all requested information as **one document**, multiple attachments will not be accepted.
- The maximum size of the e-mail should be 5MB. If you exceed this size, the application will be automatically rejected by the system.
- Applicants will be contracted via e-mail only.
- Once you submit your application you will receive an automated response with guidance

on how the recruitment process is handled.

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## Appendix A

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### DEFINITIONS

1. **Eligible Family Members:** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3FAM 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 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, an under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **US Citizen Eligible Family Member (U.S. EFM):** 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 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 [3FAM 3232.2](#)

3. **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 [3FAM 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 American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and

- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil service annuity.

**4. 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. A 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 this/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 U.S. citizen.

**5. 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.

**6. 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 Plan (LCP).

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## **Appendix B**

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If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE. Failure to so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No). Please attach copy of DNI or work permit
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S Government vehicle, Driver's License Class/Type. Please attach copy of document
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References

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**CLOSING DATE: June 2, 2015**

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**The U.S. Mission in Peru provides equal opportunity and fair equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, 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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#### **Major Duties and Responsibilities of the Position**

- Monitors press and media daily for information on political issues important to the USG in Peru, particularly those related to human rights, social inclusion, and social conflict. Assists the Senior Political Specialist and the Human Rights Officer in gathering information and drafting Congressionally-mandated annual reports such as the Human

Rights Report, the Child Labor Report, the Trafficking-in-Persons Report, and Religious Freedom Report (30%).

- Builds and maintains an extensive network of contacts, in particular in civil society and among the LGBT, Afro-Peruvian, and Indigenous communities, as well as other marginalized groups, including the disabled and religious minorities. Meets regularly with contacts, and updates the Political Section on their dealings as appropriate (20%).
- Monitors and analyzes key legislation and developments regarding human rights, labor, social conflict, and the use of natural resources, as well as provides legal background for Political Section Officers (20%).
- Translates demarche talking points from English to Spanish on a regular basis and provides interpretation for visiting officials as needed (15%).
- Performs other duties as required, including technical and administrative tasks, Leahy vetting, visa referrals, motor pool requests, and visitor access requests (15%).