



U. S. MISSION

Vacancy Announcement

Riyadh – Jeddah - Dhahran

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - JEDDAH

04/30/13

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

OPEN TO	ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES
POSITION	INFORMATION ASSISTANT, FSN-09, POSITION NO. 100225
OPENING DATE	TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013
CLOSING DATE	TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013
WORK HOURS	FULL-TIME; 44 HOURS/WEEK
SALARY	<p>* ORDINARILY RESIDENT: POSITION GRADE: FSN-09, SR 123,521 (ANNUAL BASIC SALARY EXCLUDING ELIGIBLE ALLOWANCES)</p> <p>* NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT (NOR): POSITION GRADE: FP-05, US\$ 50,043 PER YEAR --SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE HIRING MECHANISM --GRADE DETERMINATION WILL BE APPROVED BY WASHINGTON --U. S. FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE SALARY</p>

NOTE

- ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED TRANSFERABLE WORK PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.
- EFMS: INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT POST FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF THE URGENT REQUIREMENT TO FILL THIS POSITION.
- EFMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR REMAINING ON THEIR SPONSORING EMPLOYEE'S TOUR OF DUTY FROM THE EFM'S HIRING DATE.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The Information Assistant (IA) is Public Affairs Officer's (PAO) and Information Office's (IO) principal Locally Employed Staff advisor on the media in Saudi Arabia. The incumbent is responsible for establishing and maintaining contact with key government officials and with editors and other media personnel in Jeddah. The IA assists the IO in planning and implementing an overall strategy for media programs and dissemination of information on U.S. policies and achievements among key audiences in the Western Region.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

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

1. **Education:** A university degree in communication, managerial or social sciences is required.
2. **Experience:** Must have four to six years of progressively responsible experience in media and public relations. High degree of Arabic/English translating and interpreting skills. Have intercultural experience or education in the U.S.
3. **Language Requirements:** Level IV (*Fluent – Speak /Read/Write*), English and Arabic required. Should be fluent in both Arabic and English for translation and interpretation. Skills will be tested.
4. **Knowledge:** Thorough understanding of Saudi Arabia's political, economic, social and educational structure, institutions, cultural and religious movements, historical development, key figures and the hierarchy in media, government and education is required. Must also have good knowledge of the U.S. foreign policy and journalism.
5. **Other Skills:** Arabic/English word processing knowledge and experience with understanding of desk-top publishing; knowledge of internet search engines; knowledge of how to use electronic equipment (computer, laptop, fax, scanner etc.) in support of information programs.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, U.S. citizen Eligible Family Members (EFMs) and U.S. veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidates address the required qualifications above in the application.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position **must** submit the following or the applications will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment [DS-174](#);
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae;
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. A clear copy of valid Saudi identity/iqama card and work permit.
5. Any other documentation (e.g. copy of essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualifications requirements of the position as listed above.

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 EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of that appointment.

3. Currently employed Not Ordinarily Residents (NOR) hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of that appointment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. Current LE Staff employees of the Mission applying for vacant position announcements must have served a minimum of twelve (12) months in their current position in order to be considered for any vacant position.
5. 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.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

In person: Front Gate, Hail Street, U.S. Consulate General, Jeddah

By Mail: Human Resources Office, P. O. Box 149, Jeddah 21411, Saudi Arabia

By e-mail: JeddahHR@state.gov

By Fax: 02-669-3075

DEFINITIONS*

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government 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.
2. **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 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.
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 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 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. 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, and 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 U.S. 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.

EFM's 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).

The U.S. Mission in Saudi Arabia 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.