

**U.S. Mission Vietnam – U.S. Embassy in Hanoi**  
**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: HALL 15/77**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates/All Sources  
**POSITION:** Information Specialist, **FSN-10; FP-5**  
**OPENING DATE:** December 30, 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** January 14, 2016  
**WORK HOURS:** Full-time, 40 hours/week  
**SALARY:** **Ordinarily Resident:** FSN-10; US\$ 18,522 (Starting Salary)  
**Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR):** FP-5\*; US\$50,883(Starting Salary)  
\*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

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

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam – U.S. Embassy in Hanoi is seeking an eligible and qualified applicant for the position of Information Specialist in its Public Affairs Section (PAS).

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Incumbent of this position will be under the general supervision and guidance of the Information Officer, he/she will supervise and lead the Embassy's media team within the PAS focusing on the 30 provinces in the northern part of Vietnam and coordinating with the Ho Chi Minh City media team. The incumbent will serve as Post's local expert on media, political and social developments. He/she will monitor and analyze Vietnamese traditional and non-traditional media for select items on U.S. policies, bilateral relations, the U.S. image in Vietnam and issues of interest to the U.S. Government. He/she will produce and distribute daily summaries for the Mission and other audiences. The incumbent will develop and maintain high-level, working/expert level contacts in the media field, civil society/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) sector, Government of Vietnam (GVN) sector and in non-traditional media/key influencers for the purposes of advising the Information Officer about trends and issues as well as making recommendations for USG-sponsored programs in furtherance of Mission Integrated Country Strategy (ICS) goals. He/she will interpret and provide media support for the Ambassador (including his social media presence), other Mission agencies and high-level USG official visitors.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

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

1. **EDUCATION:** University degree in Journalism, Communications, Marketing, Political Science or International Relations is required.
2. **EXPERIENCE:** At least four years of progressively responsible experience in newspaper reporting, economic or social science research and analysis is required.
3. **LANGUAGE:** Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required (this will be tested). Level 5 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing Vietnamese is required.
4. **SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Must have: 1) Ability to develop and maintain an extensive range of working and high-level contacts in the media and government sectors. 2) Ability to analyze and interrelate media development to political, economic and social factors and forces in Vietnam. 3) Ability to nominate, plan, and organize media events, seminars, trainings and trips is required. 4) Ability to develop grant proposals and explain facets of U.S. Government policies and priorities.
5. **JOB KNOWLEDGE:** Must have thorough knowledge of Vietnam's media, economic, political and social policies, structures and institutions, historical developments, key political figures and a solid grasp of the U.S.-Vietnam bilateral relationship. Must have understanding of internal reporting requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office (84-4) 3850-5126 or (84-4) 3850-5127.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

**HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:**

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (3) FS on LWOP

**ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold the Mission's security clearance.
5. Candidates who are EFMs, USEFMs, AEFMs, or MOHs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov> or by contacting Human Resources (84-4) 3850-5126 or (84-4) 3850-5127 (See “For further information” above); and
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)
3. The Embassy does not accept applications via Vietnam works or CareerBuilder without DS-174 form.

**IMPORTANT:** Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran’s preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran’s Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran’s preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran’s preference may be found in HR/OE’s Family Member Employment Policy (FMPEP).

### **WHERE TO APPLY:**

Human Resources Office      84-4-3850-5000 ext. 5126/5127  
E-mail Address:                      [HanoiHR@state.gov](mailto:HanoiHR@state.gov)

**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 A - DEFINITIONS**

**Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An EFM for employment purposes is defined 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. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **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 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 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):** A MOH is 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 **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is 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

- A MOH must be 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
- A MOH 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. MOHs are by definition cohabitants. Therefore, if the MOH is not a U.S. citizen, employees who declare MOHs to the COM must ensure compliance with the provisions of 12 FAM 275, Reporting Cohabitation with and/or Intent to Marry a Foreign National.

**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.