

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 2013-01

OPEN TO: All Interested U.S. Citizen Candidates

POSITION: Protocol Assistant, FSN-8, FP-6

OPENING DATE: February 6, 2013

CLOSING DATE: February 27, 2013

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week.

SALARY: * Ordinarily Resident (OR): CHF. 100,456 p. a (starting Salary)
(position grade: FSN-08).

*USEFM & Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): \$44,737 USD p.a.
(Starting salary- to be determined by Washington) (Position
Grade: FP-06).

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

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and possess, or be able to obtain a Top Secret Clearance.

The U.S. Mission in Geneva is seeking an individual for the position of protocol Assistant in the Front Office.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Adviser on all protocol, precedence and social customs to the Ambassador and other senior Mission personnel. Coordinator of social and official events hosted by the Ambassador from the planning stage through to implementation of the event, including the development and maintenance of guest lists, monitoring RSVPs and ensuring that the event itself runs smoothly. Supports other Mission sections' social and official events, as required. Link between the Mission and Ambassador's contacts, with responsibility for facilitating these relationships, researching biographical information and keeping records of contacts up to date. Assist other Mission Ambassadors and sections as required.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prepares, plans and organizes events hosted by the Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission and generates events for them to host. Supports other Mission Ambassadors and sections' social and official events, as required. Serves as the Front Office's Independence Day Coordinator and leads fundraising activities for that event. Attends and oversees events to ensure that everything goes smoothly.

Holds primary responsibility for administering the Mission's Contacts Database. Uses the data in the Mission's Contacts Database to produce effective and relevant guest lists. Provides specialized guidance to the Ambassador, DCM, ORE Staff and Mission personnel on all aspects of protocol, precedence and accepted social customs.

Translates incoming/outgoing correspondence, including speeches and remarks for the Front Office staff. Translates messages to/from English and French when relaying messages from the Ambassador with French speaking officials.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants **must address** each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. If you do not address these qualifications in your application you will be considered "unqualified." You may attach an additional narrative statement if needed.

1. University Degree in social science, communication, languages, international studies or a field closely related to protocol is required.
2. Level 4(fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing French is required. Level 4 (fluent) English Speaking/Reading/Writing is required.
3. Three to five years of administrative experience working intensely with a wide range of protocol related issues for a diplomatic mission or similar international organization.
4. Extensive knowledge of etiquette, social standards, and diplomatic protocol in a multi-lateral environment. Understanding of the United Nations and United States Government diplomatic procedures and organizational structure is required.
5. Microsoft Office fluency. Experiencing managing databases with extensive lists of contacts. Proven ability to work successfully in a multi-cultural environment. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Ability to develop and maintain contacts at all levels of government.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically 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 employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

TO APPLY

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

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) for Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174) found or eForms (for current employees), by double clicking the icon below or by contacting HR for a copy;



UAE - WORD
Fillable.doc

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 Form DD-214 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.

5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office
Insert Address: GenevaHR@state.gov.

POINT OF CONTACT

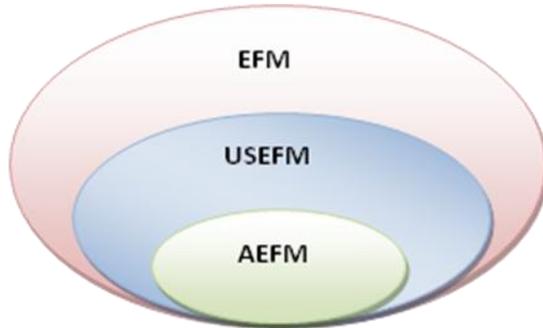
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CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: February 27, 2013

The U.S. Mission in Geneva 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



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

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, 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.

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 U.S. 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 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).

Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the Application for Employment.

Failure to do 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. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (*Yes or No*; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)

- 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
- 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