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IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Sample Job Profiles

INTERNATIONAL TRADE SPECIALIST, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Salary Range: \$50,275.00 - \$65,352.00/year

Duty Locations: Minneapolis, MN

Duties: Help open foreign markets, ensure compliance with trade laws and agreements, and lower barriers to U.S. competitiveness. Join a winning team helping U.S. industry to meet and beat foreign competition, both at home and abroad. Foreign language ability is highly desirable. Check out the International Trade Administration at http://trade.gov/index.asp.

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Salary Range: \$51,630.00 - \$67,114.00/year

Duty Locations: Lorton, VA

Summary: Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is within the Department of Homeland Security and is the sole organization responsible for securing the nation's borders. As part of its carefully selected, highly trained team, you'll leverage state-of-the art technology, innovative strategies and world-wide partnerships to protect our communities and defend our frontier.

Duties: Manage inventory and assets utilizing established and commonly applied supply principles, concepts and methodologies to determine, evaluate and manage asset inventories, status of funds for repairs and funds available to execute the annual supply program. Control the distribution and/or redistribution of stock within the organization's supply and equipment management utilizing inventory control systems and warehouse powered equipment.

Search for jobs at: USAJOBS.gov

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A FOREIGN LANGUGAE DEGREE?

- ★ Air Safety Investigators
- * Border Patrol Agents
- ★ Customs Inspectors
- **★** Language Specialists
- ★ Equal Employment Opportunity Specialists
- ★ Foreign Affairs Specialists
- ★ Foreign Agriculture Affairs Specialists

Intelligence Specialists Find more: www.usajobs.gov/El23.asp

FEDERAL EMPLOYERS CAN HELP YOU REPAY YOUR STUDENT LOANS

- * Agencies are authorized to help repay up to \$10,000 of a loan per year, up to \$60,000 total per employee.
- ★ An employee who receives student loan repayments must commit to remaining in the service of the federal government for at least three years.
- In 2008, 35 federal agencies provided 6,879 employees with almost \$51 million in student loan repayment.

For more information, visit: http://www.opm.gov/oca/pay/studentloan

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) offers a Corporate Language Hiring Bonus Program for individuals who have exceptional language skills.

The National Security Agency (NSA) employees receive competitive salaries and may be eligible for signing bonuses of \$7,500.

The **Department of Defense** can offer up to \$500 per month for civilian employees (up to \$1,000 per month for military) for anyone who demonstrates proficiency in foreign languages.

FIND AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS ONLINE

MakingtheDifference.org provides valuable information and resources about job and internship opportunities in the federal government. On the site you'll find more information about federal agencies, an overview of the benefits of federal service, a directory of federal internships, "hot jobs" and "cool internships," tips for finding and applying for federal jobs, and much more.

USAJOBS.gov is a great place to begin your job search. It is administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the federal government's human resources agency, and has a regularly updated list of federal job openings. You can also build your resume and learn about the federal jobs that best match your interests.

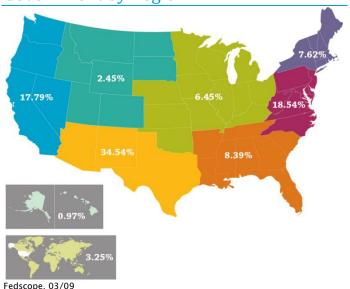


The Partnership for Public Service is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to revitalize the federal government by inspiring a new generation to serve and by transforming the way government works. ourpublicservice.org

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Foreign Language Positions in the Federal Government by Region



Examples of Internships

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship is funded by the Department of State and is administered through the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (WWNFF). The fellowship award includes tuition, room, board and mandatory fees during the junior and senior years of college and during the first year of graduate study. Fellows commit to pursing a graduate degree in international studies. Visit http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/index.php for more information.

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) provides undergraduate and graduate students with scholarships to study abroad. NSEP's Flagship Language Program focuses specifically on developing advanced language skills, and offers scholarships to people who have graduated from college, as well as to people who are currently students. Upon completion, students are required to work for the federal government for a period equal to the grant they received from the government. Visit http://www.borenawards.org/ for more information.

Search for internships at: makingthedifference.org/federalinternships

WHERE THE JOBS ARE

By the fall of 2012, our largest federal agencies project that they will hire nearly 273,000 new workers for "mission-critical" jobs.

Download the report at makingthedifference.org.

TOP AGENCIES FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES		
Department/ Agency	# Positions	
Department of Homeland Security	43,057	
Department of Defense	6,326	
Department of Justice	4,573	
Broadcasting Board of Governors	884	
Department of Labor	704	
Department of Agriculture	610	
Department of Health & Human Services	593	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	447	

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TOP FOREIGN LANGUAGE FIELDS		
Fields	Current Positions	Projected Hires 2010-2012
Customs and Border Protection	20,816	4,950
Border Patrol Enforcemer Series	19,768	
Intelligence	10,446	390
General Arts and Information	3,684	204
Equal Opportunity Compliance	1,703	300
Language Specialist	1,041	35
Customs and Border Protection Interdiction	740	
Customs Entry and Liquidation	512	

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