

Vacancy Announcement Number 10-0070

Position: 1100340 – Electronic Media Assistant - FSN-9, FP-5*
Open to: All interested Candidates
Opening Date: July 13, 2010 **Closing Date:** July 26, 2010
Work Hours: Full-time: 40 hours per week
Position Grade: Ordinarily Resident: FSN-9 (RUB 946,954+bonus RUB 29,952 p.a.-starting salary)
AEFM/MOH/NOR: FP-5 (position grade to be confirmed by Washington)

NOTE: ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED RESIDENCY PERMITS (TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION WITH THEIR APPLICATION THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEGALLY LIVE AND WORK IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow is seeking an individual for the position of the Electronic Media Advisor in the Public Affairs Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

Supervised by the Senior Media Advisor, the incumbent functions as the primary Information Office contact with the Russian, U.S., and third country electronic media (websites, blogs, social networks, etc.) and works with senior IO staff to develop an electronic media outreach strategy for the Mission. In this capacity, the incumbent facilitates electronic media participation in post programs and events, and oversees the distribution and placement of Washington and post-provided information throughout Russia within the electronic media. The Electronic Media Assistant works with the Senior Media Advisor, the Assistant Information Officers, and the Information Officer to develop content for the Embassy's blogs and accounts in social networks. The incumbent maintains a thorough familiarity with the content of Russian electronic media, and uses that knowledge to benefit all USG programs, activities, and visitors in Russia. The incumbent also provides support to the Information Research Specialist (FSN-8) on an as needed basis, and develops Russian and English language content for the Embassy website.

(A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the HR Office. Please send your request to the email address: moscowhr@state.gov)

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item – this is in addition to sending a CV/Resume. Please see steps on how to apply below.

1. University degree is required.
2. Level III (good working knowledge) proficiency in speaking and reading English, and Level IV proficiency (fluent) in speaking and reading Russian is required. (Will be tested.)
3. One to two years of experience in information work is required. This includes experience in the use of emerging technologies and electronic resources.
4. Good familiarity with major Russian and U.S. internet social networks and blogger platforms and with current trends and developments in U.S. and Russian information science and technology is required. Good familiarity with electronic search, retrieval and delivery tools is required.
5. Ability to develop and maintain working level contacts in the electronic media is required. Ability to assist others as needed is required. Ability to draft messages for the blogs, short new items, and press releases is required. Ability to exercise judgment in selecting e-media items and stories in traditional media of interest to the Mission is required. Excellent service orientation to target audience plus interpersonal and cross cultural skills is required. Ability to carry out research and respond rapidly to complex requests, often for breaking news is required. Above average written and oral communication skills are required. Ability to prioritize work is required. Ability to write reports and to develop outreach publications is required. Ability to work independently with minimal supervision is required.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, Appointment Eligible Family Members and those with U.S. Veterans preference will be given hiring priority consideration. Therefore, it is essential that all candidates **address the required qualifications** above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget and visa status in determining successful candidacy
2. Current in-house employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Must be able to obtain and hold a security clearance or pass a background check as appropriate.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs, who hold a FMA appointment, and 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.
5. AEFMs and EFM/MOHs on the travel orders of a Foreign Service, Civil Service, or Military Officer permanently assigned to post and under Chief of Mission authority are not required to obtain work permits or visas for employment within a U.S. Foreign Service post in Russia.
6. Under the Russian law on citizenship, dual citizenship is not recognized by the Government of Russia (GOR) unless a bilateral agreement exists; one does not exist between the GOR and the USG. (Bilateral agreements on dual nationality do exist between Russia and Tajikistan) Employees and/or Appointment Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) who may have dual citizenship should advise the Human Resources Office before applying for any jobs at the Embassy or at the Consulates General.

TO APPLY

- To be considered for a certain position all interested candidates should proceed as follows:

A. Indicate the position you are applying for.

B. Submit the following documents to HR in English. For any positions requiring level II (limited) English proficiency or lower, resumes may be submitted in either English or Russian.

- Application for Federal Employment (SF-171 or OF-612); or
- A current resume that addresses **all** the required qualifications listed above in this announcement. Applicants may submit a narrative statement on a separate page with specific responses to each qualification.
- Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
- Documentation (essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office

Fax: 7-495-728 5244; Email: moscowhr@state.gov

The preferred way of receiving resumes is via email.

DEFINITIONS

AEFM: A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:

- US citizen;
- Spouse or dependent who is at least age 18;
- Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;
- Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safehaven abroad, or alternate safehaven abroad; and
- Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the US Civil, Foreign, or uniform services.

1. EFM: Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
2. Member of Household: A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2) Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at post with the sponsoring employee.
3. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.

4. Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are US Citizen EFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniformed service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 26, 2010

The US Mission in Russia 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.