

When You Take Care Of The Nation, The Nation Takes Care Of You

A career in the federal government is rewarding in more ways than one. The benefits package offered through each agency will help you maintain a stable, secure lifestyle.

- Competitive salaries
- Foreign language proficiency pay in some locations
- Life and health insurance
- Retirement plans
- Holiday, annual and sick leave
- Performance awards and bonuses
- Fitness facilities in many locations
- Alternate work schedules to balance home and work
- Mass transit subsidy in some locations

Depending on the hiring agency's policies, you might also receive a hiring bonus, student loan repayment and/or relocation costs.

We're Invested In Your Career

Your professional development is extremely important to us. The government provides many advanced education options, plus leadership and mentorship programs, and Joint Duty assignments.

Reflecting the Diverse Country We Serve

The U.S. government is committed to building a workforce that represents the rich diversity of the world we live in: a workforce that reflects different cultural backgrounds, ethnicities and heritage, languages, races, gender, orientation, abilities and ideas.



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| General Federal Employment Information | usajobs.gov |
| Defense Language Institute | dliflc.edu |
| Department of Commerce | commerce.gov |
| National Language Service Corps | nls corps.org |

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Career and Education Opportunities

Foreign Language



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Your Future Awaits

Consider a career in the federal government, where you can apply your foreign language proficiency, cultural expertise and regional knowledge to support our national security and law enforcement efforts.

What You Can Do

Foreign language professionals use their valuable language, research and communication skills to serve in a variety of positions:

- Language Analyst
- Instructor
- Interpreter
- Translator
- Testing Specialist
- Foreign Media Analyst

And perform the following tasks:

National Security

- Prepare critical material to support global counterintelligence missions
- Help prevent the next terrorist attack against U.S. interests worldwide
- Prepare assessments to answer key intelligence questions
- Advance the nation's political, economic and cultural initiatives

Law Enforcement

- Team with agents in pursuit of justice across the nation in response to criminal cases
- Track nefarious cyber activity threatening U.S. infrastructure
- Provide vital information to case agents' investigations during in-person interviews
- Impact U.S. response to human trafficking, piracy and terrorism

Foreign Language Education And Training Programs

STARTALK (startalk.umd.edu) provides grants to increase the quality and supply of teachers of critical languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Hindi, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish and Urdu, by offering summer development programs for teachers of these languages.

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) (borenawards.org) provides opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

- **Language Flagship Program** (thelanguageflagship.org) offers domestic and overseas programs in African languages, Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili and Turkish.
- **English for Heritage Language Speakers program (EHLS)** (cal.org/ehls) helps native-speaking adults achieve professional-level proficiency in English so that they can succeed in federal government positions. A key element of the program is the Open Source Analysis Project, in which scholars conduct unclassified research on topics that match their background and area of interest to the federal government. This provides an opportunity to conduct authentic research, practice analytical thinking and master the writing styles appropriate for professional reporting.

Recipients of all NSEP awards must work for at least one year in the federal government in a position with national security responsibilities, with priority given to service in the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State or another Intelligence Community organization.

Requirements

To work in the federal government or the Intelligence Community, you must be a U.S. citizen and be eligible for a security clearance, which may include a polygraph. Applicants may undergo a medical and/or psychological evaluation. Language professionals must be proficient in English and a foreign language.

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