

# Foreign Languages Jobs IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

## Sample Job Profiles

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE SPECIALIST

**Salary Range:** \$47,682-70,023

**Duty Locations:** Positions available world wide

**Job Summary:** Located in the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration.

**Major 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>.

### FOREIGN SERVICE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

**Salary Range:** \$47,682-70,023

**Duty Locations:** Positions available world wide

**Job Summary:** Work as a professional engineer for the Department of State in the Office of Foreign Buildings Operations.

**Major Duties:** Oversee contractor activities and construction work on properties used by the Department of State and U.S. government agencies abroad. Tasks include monitoring contractor safety and security programs as well as the quality control/quality assurance program, inspecting construction work, evaluating proposals and approving contract submissions, administering budgets and verifying payments to contractors, and preparing progress reports on construction activities. For more information, visit <http://www.state.gov/employment>.

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#### 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/EI23.asp](http://www.usajobs.gov/EI23.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 FY 2007, **33 federal agencies** provided **6,619 employees** with almost **\$42 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.

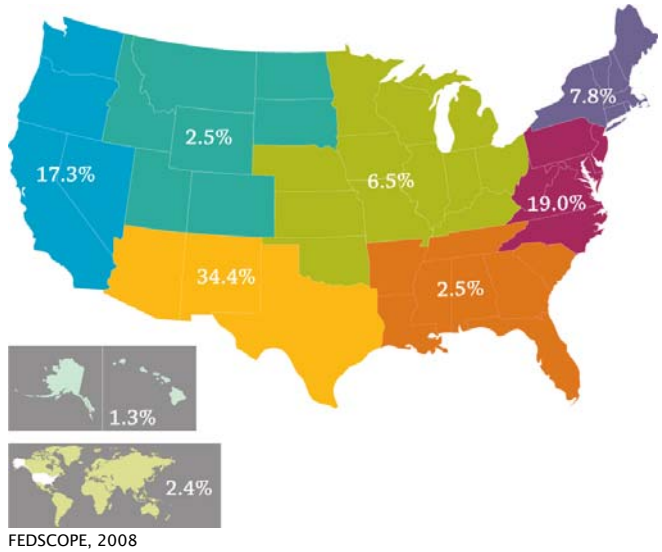
**USAJobs.gov** is a great place to begin your job search. It is administered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the federal government's human resources agency, and has a regularly updated list of federal job openings. You can also build your resume and learn about the federal jobs that best 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](http://ourpublicservice.org)

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGES POSITIONS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY REGION



**WHERE THE JOBS ARE**  
 By September of 2009, our largest federal agencies project that they will hire nearly 193,000 new workers for "mission-critical" jobs.  
 Download the report at [makingthedifference.org](http://makingthedifference.org).

### TOP AGENCIES FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Agency	# Positions
Department of Homeland Security	38,366
Department of Defense	16,479
Department of Justice	4,429
Department of Agriculture	4,850
Broadcasting Board of Governors	888

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### AGENCIES WHERE FOREIGN LANGUAGES HELP

Department/Agency		#positions
Social Security Agency	Social Insurance Administration	27,575
Department of Homeland Security	Border Patrol Immigration Investigators	15,896
Department of Justice	Office of Overseas	n/a
	Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training in the International Criminal Investigative Assitance Training Program	n/a
		n/a
Broadcasting Board of Governors	Voice of America	n/a
	Radio Free Asia, Alhura, and Cuba	n/a
Department of Treasury	Office of International Affairs Terrorism & Financial Crimes Enforcement Network	307
	Multilateral Development Banks/Specialized Development Institutions	n/a

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\* Not all of these positions weight languages equally. As with other jobs, it is best to talk to hiring managers in particular offices that interest you to get a sense of their needs and priorities.

## 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 pursuing a graduate degree in international studies.  
[http://www.woodrow.org/public-policy/description\\_of\\_service.html](http://www.woodrow.org/public-policy/description_of_service.html)

**The National Security Education Program** 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.  
<http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/default.htm>

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