

The Austrian Junior Professional Officer Programme

Young Austrian graduates gather experience in international multilateral cooperation by working for an international organisation, particularly on field missions in developing countries.

Financing is taken over by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs.

The aim is to facilitate the start of an international career with the United Nations.

However, there is no guarantee for further employment at the international organisation after completion of the programme.

Selection procedure

In the Ministry the Departments for International Organisations (II.5) and Multilateral Development Cooperation (VII.1) are in charge of the JPO Programme (also referred to as Associate Experts Programme).

For JPO job postings please refer to <http://www.bmeia.gv.at>.

Applications have to be submitted before expiry of the deadline.

In the first round of selection the Ministry after a hearing draws up a short-list of the most suitable candidates for the postings. The final decision lies with the international organisation itself.

Requirements

- Austrian citizenship
- University degree or an advanced technical college degree (Fachhochschule) with a minimum length of 5 years
- Additional qualifications (post-graduate degrees or internships) in international relations are an asset
- Very good command of the English language and another official language of the United Nations
- In-depth knowledge of international or development policy related issues
- Willingness to work abroad especially in developing countries
- Not older than 32 years of age

Assignment

JPOs (Associate Experts) are employed as temporary staff with the respective international organisation.

They are required to periodically report on their activities pertinent to their JPO post.

Extension of contract for a second year may be possible.

Recent missions of JPOs include the following organisations: Rule of Law Unit New York, DPKO New York, OHCHR Mexico, OHCHR Geneva, OHCHR Dakar, UNOOSA Vienna, UNICEF Pristina, UNICEF Guyana, UNIDO Brussels, UNDP Cairo, UNDP Laos, UNIS Vienna, UNOCC New York and UN WOMEN New York.