

OSO recruitment requirement

POSITION DUTIES/RESPONISIBILITIES

Open Source Officers (OSOs) are the Intelligence Community's foreign media experts. They use foreign language and area knowledge to review and assess foreign open media sources, which include Internet sites, newspapers, press agencies, television, radio and specialized publications. OSOs collect intelligence from these media and deliver high-impact products to policymakers, negotiators, military planners, and analysts throughout the U.S. foreign affairs community.

OSOs develop in-depth knowledge of a broad range of foreign media and apply this knowledge to identify trends and patterns; write a wide variety of analytical products, integrating relevant multimedia objects into products to increase their intelligence value; may translate text, audio and video information, as well as select materials from the media for translation by independent contractors and edit translated materials for linguistic and grammatical accuracy; guide the development of new innovative products and presentation methods to meet rapidly changing customer needs.

OSOs employ their knowledge of the foreign media to produce assessments of the media sources to determine their influence and relative value in responding to intelligence priorities. They research and analyze the media environment in a particular country or region and prepare media analysis that inform customers of subtle relationships and trends in the media.

OSOs become familiar with existing intelligence requirements and identify emerging or evolving intelligence questions; anticipate and identify information gaps in open source collection and develop strategies to fill these gaps; creatively apply search methods that result in new collection or products.

OSOs initiate and sustain relationships with a broad range of intelligence and policy customers, monitor and prioritize customer's requests, and participate in interagency meetings.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

BA or MA in Arabic or Middle East area studies, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Military Studies or Journalism.

Will accept candidates with BA in Sociology, Anthropology or other liberal arts discipline

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Demonstrated reading proficiency in Arabic
Knowledge of Middle Eastern Culture, Political, economic, and/or military issues
Strong Critical Thinking/analytic skills
Strong writing skills
Ability to handle multiple responsibilities and to work under tight deadlines
Ability to work efficiently and with minimal supervision
Well developed Internet search skills
Ability to work collaboratively as part of a diverse work group
Effective verbal and representational skills
Strong interpersonal skills

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

Study, travel or previous work experience in the Middle East
Familiarity with web page concepts
1-5 years of relevant work experience