



U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TITLE: **POLICY ANALYST, ECONOMICS AND TRADE**

VACANCY NUMBER: **002-2015-PA-EC**

SALARY: **\$43,057 to \$82,840 Commensurate with experience**
(Salary level will be competitive and determined in light of education, position-related experience, and professional accomplishments)

POSITION INFORMATION: **Administratively Determined, Full-Time, Term-Appointed Position**
(The initial term of appointment is one year and is renewable at the Commission's option. The position is not covered by provisions of 5 USC that apply to Executive Branch employees regarding appointment, termination, competitive service selection, and pay related rules and regulations.)

DUTY LOCATION: Washington, DC

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Open to all qualified U.S. Citizens

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Finalists may be required to complete a research and writing examination. The selectee for the position will be required to obtain and hold a Federal security clearance at the Top Secret//SCI level.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: Yes

CLOSING DATE: **January 22, 2016**

CONTACT: Email: Opportunities@uscc.gov

ABOUT THE COMMISSION

The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (the Commission) was created by the United States Congress in October 2000, as a nonpartisan, legislative branch commission. The Commission's mission is to monitor, investigate, and make recommendations to Congress about matters of concern in the relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China in the following areas: 1) weapons proliferation practices, 2) economics, 3) energy and natural resources, 4) investment and capital markets, 5) China's military, 6) China's cyber capabilities, 7) China's fiscal and monetary policy, 8) China's foreign policy, 9) China's compliance with the World Trade Organization, 10) freedom of speech and information in China, and 11) food, drug, and other product safety in China.

You can review the Commission's mandate in detail at <http://www.uscc.gov/about/uscc-charter>.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Respond to direction from and coordinating with the Supervisory Senior Policy Analyst for Economic and Trade Issues, or other senior Commission staff as directed by the Executive Director. The work requires the ability to:

1. Monitor and assess developments in economics and trade pertaining to China, Taiwan, and the Asia-Pacific Region. This includes: the trade balance between China and the United States; how the health of the U.S. economy and its component industries and workforce are affected by U.S. trade with China and other Chinese activities; China's adherence to its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, U.S.-China bilateral trade agreements, and multilateral trade agreements to which the U.S. is a party; China's economic strength and capability and the effects of its economic activities on the U.S. economy; the trends in China's economic and trade activities; China's enforcement of intellectual property rights; China's use of prison labor and its adherence to related U.S.-China bilateral agreements; the effects of U.S. export controls on U.S.-China trade; and other topics as assigned.
2. Write assigned portions of the Commission's Annual Report to Congress.
3. Prepare reports, position papers, briefing materials, and other information for Commissioners, the Executive Director, and other Commission staff; prepare and present briefings on same.
4. Provide substantive and administrative support during the development of, preparation for, and execution of Commission events, including hearings, briefings, roundtables, and conferences.
5. Prepare communications for Commissioners, both orally and in writing, to a wide variety of audiences. Prepare Commissioners for testimony before Congress and draft testimony or other presentation to Congress for use by Commissioners.
6. Provide official responses to Congressional inquiries and legislated supporting requirements.
7. Develop and maintain a professional network with China analysts in the U.S. government, private sector, and academia.
8. Perform other duties as assigned by the Supervisory Senior Policy Analyst for Economic and Trade Issues, the Executive Director, and Commissioners.

QUALIFICATIONS

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Proven and demonstrable experience and ability to present written and oral information clearly and concisely. Strong writing and editing skills are absolutely required.
2. Strong analytical and research skills, including demonstrable ability to accurately and thoroughly analyze data and make informed, critical judgments about issues.
3. Familiarity with and ability to effectively utilize sources of electronic and print information regarding China, Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific region.
4. Experience or expertise in economics, trade, and related areas of law as applicable to China, as well the economic and trade policies and goals of the United States Congress and Executive Branch, particularly regarding China, Taiwan, and the Asia-Pacific region.
5. Knowledge of China's trade policies and practices, and the organization and structure of the agencies of the governments of these jurisdictions with responsibilities for determining, supervising, and conducting trade policies and bilateral and multilateral trade relationships.
6. Bachelor's degree or higher in a relevant field, such as Economics, Law, International Relations, or Asian Studies.
7. Experience and ability to work effectively as a member of a team, including participation in collaborative research studies.

HIGHLY DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

(Not required, but may be considered in the selection process)

1. Experience in a Congressional or Executive Branch office, particularly with responsibilities for issues pertaining to China, Taiwan, or the Asia-Pacific Region
2. Knowledge of the application of economic principles in U.S. bilateral and multilateral trade, financial, and economic relationships.
3. Knowledge of U.S. trade laws, regulations, and procedures; the World Trade Organization and its regulations and procedures; other multilateral economic organizations; and the missions, and activities of U.S. government agencies with responsibilities for conducting or supervising bilateral and multilateral trade and economic relations for the United States.
4. Knowledge of the Chinese legal system and structure.
5. Experience living or working in China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong.
6. Ability to speak and read Mandarin Chinese, to include ability to effectively utilize sources of electronic and print information regarding China and Taiwan.

HOW TO APPLY

A complete package containing all required documents, as described below, must be sent via email to Opportunities@uscc.gov. Please send all documents in PDF format. Incomplete packages will not be considered. Your application package must include:

- 1) Cover letter, to include:**
 - a. Position title
 - b. Vacancy number
 - c. Brief statement outlining your interest in the Commission and this position
 - d. Concise, point-by-point responses to all **mandatory qualifications** and **highly desired qualifications** listed above
 - e. Your salary requirements and/or salary history
- 2) Professional Resume**
 - a. Chronological work history [starting with the most recent position held], education [including degrees and dates attained], applicable publications, etc.)
 - b. Position-related training courses (title and year)
 - c. Job-related skills (e.g., computer software, program and database programs, etc)
 - d. Job-related certificates and licenses
 - e. Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards, etc.)
- 3) Current Writing Sample**

Preferably an essay on an economics or trade topic related to China; writing and editing must be your own work and should not exceed 5 pages

NOTE: All the information requested above must be received by midnight EST on the closing date or your application will not be considered.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER APPLYING

After submitting your application package for this position you will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application materials. Applications will be reviewed as received on a rolling basis or after the

closing date. You will be contacted via email if we wish to schedule an interview or require additional information.

Finalists may be required to complete a research and writing examination administered electronically or at the Commission offices in Washington, DC. The examination may take up to 3 hours.

The selectee for the position will be required to obtain and hold a Federal security clearance at the Top Secret//SCI level.

Applicants not selected for further consideration will be notified via email when the position is filled.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission is an EEO employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or age.

The Commission will provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities as appropriate. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis. If selected for this position, before you can be formally hired you will be required to sign and certify the accuracy of the information in your application.

If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under the Selective Service Law as described in 5 USC 3328. – If you misrepresent your experience or education, or provide false or fraudulent information, it may be grounds for not hiring you or dismissing you after you start. Making false or fraudulent statements can be punishable by fine or imprisonment.

As federal government employees, Commission employees are eligible to participate in federal employee benefits programs, to include: health insurance (multiple carriers & multiple options); life insurance (FEGLI-multiple options); retirement (FERS or CSRS if applicable); and the Thrift Savings Program (TSP-multiple options), the federal government's tax-deferred savings program. Employees accrue and may use annual and sick leave in accord with Commission policies and procedures.

This employment opportunity is also posted on the Commission website at:
<http://www.uscc.gov/about/job-opportunities>.