



## **Political and Economic Specialist**

The Consulate General of the United States of America invites applications for a full time position located in our Political and Economic Section in Auckland.

If you are a professional who is driven, flexible and enjoys working in a busy environment, then this position is for you! The Political and Economic Specialist will be responsible for providing research, analysis and recommendations on political and social issues of interest to the Mission, and building and maintaining external relationships with government and business leaders, prominent academics and high-profile activists.

To be successful in this role you must have completed a University Degree in political science, law, economics, journalism, science, technology, environment, or health, and have at least five years of progressively responsible experience in foreign policy, politics, economics, science, or international relations. The position also requires familiarity with New Zealand and U.S. political, economic, social and cultural issues, and experience in drafting memos, policy papers, analytical research, or similar.

You will also need to work independently and under tight deadlines with minimal supervision, and represent the U.S Mission diplomatically in a variety of settings involving people from diverse backgrounds. Excellent oral and written communication skills and advanced MS Office skills are also essential.

The starting salary for this position is NZD\$77,051 per annum, with some special benefits e.g. both U.S. and New Zealand Holidays - an approximate total of 20 days; and 8.7% contribution by the employer to an employee's retirement.

*If you are not a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, you **must have a current valid work permit** to be eligible to apply for this position. All employees of the U.S. Government are required to complete full medical and security background checks.*

If you meet all the eligibility criteria for this role, please complete and submit your application form, cover letter and CV by email to [Wellington.HR@state.gov](mailto:Wellington.HR@state.gov)

**Applications close on Monday, 5 September 2016.**

***Note:** Only short listed applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants not short listed, we extend our appreciation for considering the US Government as a potential employer.*