JUMP-START your CAREER

International Employment Opportunities

at the
International Atomic Energy Agency

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria is the world's center for cooperation in the nuclear field, committed to promoting safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

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As the United Nations' nuclear inspectorate, the IAEA verifies that safeguarded nuclear materials and activities are not used for military purposes. The IAEA also transfers peaceful nuclear technologies to developing countries, helping them overcome challenges in a variety of areas including human health, energy, water resource management, food insecurity, and environmental degradation.

Working at the IAEA is a rewarding experience, providing opportunities for professional growth in an overseas assignment with an international organization.

The IAEA Is Interested in Candidates with Expertise in a Variety of Fields Including:

- Accounting/Finance
- Agriculture
- Computer Sciences
- Energy Economics
- Environmental Specialties
- Human Resource Management
- International Law
- Languages
- Information Technology
- Life, Physical, and Chemical Sciences
- Nuclear Energy
- Nuclear Engineering
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nuclear Safety
- Nuclear Security
- Nutrition
- Project Management
- Public Affairs
- Radiation Protection
- Radioactive Waste Management

Entry-Level Professional Staff Positions

The IAEA offers the following career steps for young professionals:

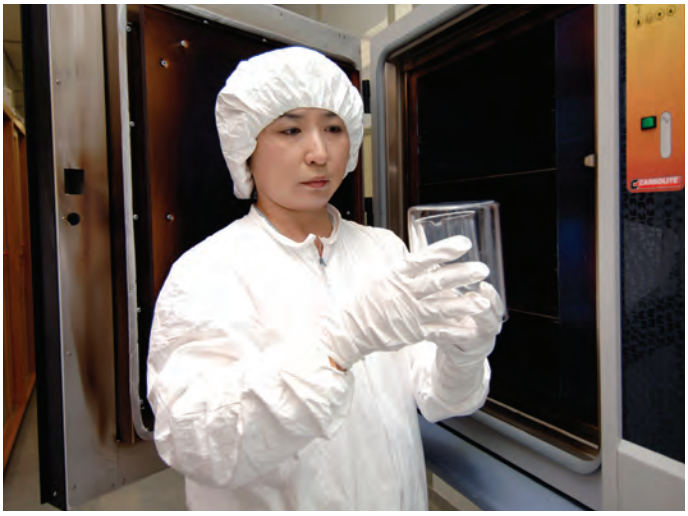
At the P-2 junior level, staff members' principal goal is to gain expertise in IAEA programs and projects, moving in the course of apprenticeship to higher levels of responsibility. P-2 positions require a university degree and two years of experience relevant to the position.

As a P-3 professional, staff members launch and develop particular facets of the IAEA program to gain further professional experience. Depending on the vacancy, P-3 positions require either a university degree or graduate degree and five years of experience relevant to the position.

Professional positions start with an initial three-year contract which can be extended to five or seven years. Candidates interested in applying for a professional position must complete a Personal History Form (PHF) and submit it directly to the IAEA through the Agency's website.

"I went to work for the IAEA because I wanted to work for an organization that was making a difference in the world. The work here has been challenging and satisfying. I have had training and development opportunities I wouldn't have had at my previous employer. I've been able to work on interesting systems with some of the brightest people I've ever met, people from all around the world. I believe that my time here will greatly enhance future job prospects, as well."

Brian, Management



Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Program

The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) program offers young U.S. citizens an opportunity to temporarily join the IAEA's workforce in order to gain work experience in an international environment and learn specialized skills they can bring back to the U.S.

JPOs work as part of a team and under the guidance of a senior professional in either a scientific, technical or administrative field. Assignments last for one year and may be extended to two. Individuals are eligible to participate in the program if they are below the age of 32 years and hold an advanced degree.

The International Programs at Argonne National Laboratory administers the U.S. JPO program for all IAEA departments, with the exception of Safeguards. Selection of JPOs is based primarily on the candidate's academic qualifications and on the extent to which those qualifications can be used in an assignment designated by one of the IAEA's departments.

The JPO Program is not a means for subsequently obtaining further employment at the Agency, but in some cases, JPOs have returned to work for the IAEA later in their career.

"The JPO program has provided me with an invaluable perspective that comes with working at an international scientific organization, and I've come to understand this is a unique opportunity and usually reserved for senior professionals. The people I work with, the projects we work on, and the challenges and obstacles we face are all very diverse, and by nature this is a place where it is easy to find motivation."

Adam, Nuclear Sciences and Applications

Internship Program

The IAEA accepts over 100 interns each year at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The program provides interns with the opportunity to gain practical work experience in line with their studies, and exposes them to the work of the IAEA and United Nations as a whole. It also benefits the IAEA through the assistance of qualified students and graduates specialized in various fields.

In order to be eligible for the internship program, applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have completed at least two years of full-time studies at a university or equivalent institution towards the completion of their first degree. Individuals may apply up to two years after the completion of their bachelors, masters, or doctorate degree.

Internships normally last from three months to one year, and interns who do not receive full financial support from other sources may be provided a stipend of up to 1,000 Euros per month to assist with basic subsistence costs.

Candidates interested in applying for an internship must complete and submit an online IAEA Personal History Form, selecting “Internship” from the list of current vacancies. All applications must include two signed letters of recommendation.

The Internship Program is not a means for subsequently obtaining employment at the Agency, but interns may apply for vacancies as external candidates at any time during and after their internship.

"Interning at the International Atomic Energy Agency is a dream come true. I can only hope to return to Vienna in the future, in one capacity or another, to continue working here. The goals of the Agency are of important international significance and it is very rewarding to be part of that work. As an intern, I have had the opportunity to get involved. I have benefited from working alongside knowledgeable mentors and attending international conferences. This experience has been vital for my future career goals as I plan to eventually work in nuclear policy. Understanding firsthand how the Agency works has already been a great help."

Sarah, Management

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