JUMPSTART 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.
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 within 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 Security
- Nutrition
- Project Management
- Public Affairs
- Radiation Protection
- Radioactive Waste Management
Entry-Level Professional Staff Positions

The IAEA offers the following opportunities for young professionals:

- At the P-1/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-1/P-2 positions require a university degree and some experience relevant to the position (no/two years of relevant experience, respectively).

- 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 or graduate degree and five years of relevant experience.

Regular fixed-term appointments are typically for an initial three-year period, which can be extended up to a total of seven years. Other assignment types vary in duration. Candidates interested in applying for a professional position must complete and submit an online job application form directly to the IAEA through the Agency’s website.

The IAEA Program Office at Argonne provides assistance to U.S. candidates interested in careers within the IAEA’s non-Safeguards departments (Offices Reporting to the Director General, Management, Technical Cooperation, Nuclear Energy, Nuclear Safety and Security, and Nuclear Sciences and Applications). If you are interested in applying, please contact us at IAEAStaffing@anl.gov and learn more about us at international.anl.gov/careers.

“...My experience working for a large international agency has been invaluable and has taught me a lot about how to accomplish scientific goals outside of the academic setting. I am taking my time at the IAEA to learn how scientists can have a larger, global impact on agricultural issues and my hope is to continue on in a science policy based career.

Janet Chen
Climate Change Impact Analyst
Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications
Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Program

The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) program offers young professionals 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 United States.

JPOs work as part of a team and under the guidance of a senior professional in either a scientific, technical, or administrative field. The duration of the JPO assignment is one to two years. Eligibility is limited to individuals who are 32 years or below and hold a university degree (some positions may require an advanced degree). Additional knowledge of official IAEA languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish) is advantageous.

The IAEA Program Office at Argonne National Laboratory recruits U.S. candidates to participate in the JPO program to work within IAEA’s non-Safeguards departments (Offices Reporting to the Director General, Management, Technical Cooperation, Nuclear Energy, Nuclear Safety and Security, and Nuclear Sciences and Applications). JPOs are selected based on the candidate’s academic qualifications and on how their qualifications fit the designated IAEA departmental assignment. These opportunities are advertised on international.anl.gov/careers.

“Being able to learn from technical experts has been invaluable and has helped me to understand the importance of a unified approach from all parties involved, combining efforts, knowledge and resources to reach practical and viable solutions to these issues.”

Christine Wipfli
Environmental Remediation Intern
Division of Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology
Internship Program

The IAEA’s Internship Programme accepts over 150 interns each year. Eligibility is limited to applicants who are at least 20 years old and have completed at least three years of full-time study at a university towards the completion of their first degree. Individuals may apply up to one year after the completion of their bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree. Internship placements include the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, Austria and IAEA laboratories in Seibersdorf and Monaco. Interns gain practical work experience in line with their studies and are exposed to the work of the IAEA and United Nations as a whole.

The IAEA posts all current internship opportunities on its website and all applications should be submitted online. More information is available at iaea.org/about/employment.

In addition to the IAEA’s Internship Programme, the IAEA Program Office at Argonne National Laboratory sponsors approximately six interns each year in the IAEA’s non-Safeguards departments for one-year terms. These opportunities are advertised on international.anl.gov/careers and include the following benefits:

- One-time allowance
- Monthly stipend to cover basic subsistence costs
- Roundtrip airfare to duty station (for non-local recruits)
- Medical insurance (if needed)

“Working at the IAEA has truly been a phenomenal experience. I’ve had the opportunity to contribute value to my Section through multiple different projects, all under the oversight of experienced colleagues. It has been the chance of a lifetime.”

Andrew Green
Intern, Office of Public Information and Communication
The IAEA accepts over 150 interns each year, engaging them in work at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria and its laboratories in the Principality of Monaco and Seibersdorf, Austria.
The U.S. supports the full breadth of the IAEA’s work, providing financial and technical assistance as well as opportunities for Americans to make a difference around the world.

To learn more about these opportunities, visit: international.anl.gov/careers
To subscribe for job alerts, visit: international.anl.gov/subscribe.asp

Housed at Argonne National Laboratory, the IAEA Program Office works with the U.S. Department of State to serve as an interface between the IAEA and the U.S. nuclear community, promoting peaceful uses of nuclear energy and technology.

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