



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

U.S. Mission U.S. Embassy in Brussels

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Position Title: Financial Assistant VAT

Opening Period: April 5, 2019 – April 23, 2019

Series/Grade: LE-401/06
FS-401/08

Salary: LE: EUR 2,811-EUR 3,715 gross/month
FS: USD 32,378-USD 56,492 gross/per annum. Actual FS salary determined by Washington D.C.

For More Info: JAS Human Resources Office, Tri-Missions, Brussels

Who May Apply: All Interested Applicants / All Sources

Security Clearance Required: Local Security Certification or Public Trust

Duration Appointment: LE: Definite Not to Exceed 1 year. Becomes indefinite after successful completion of one year.
FS: Definite Not to Exceed 5 years. (FMA)
Definite Not to Exceed 1 year. (PSA)

Marketing Statement: We encourage you to read and understand the [Eight \(8\) Qualities of Overseas Employees](https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Eight-Qualities-of-Overseas-Employees.pdf) before you apply: <https://careers.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Eight-Qualities-of-Overseas-Employees.pdf>

Summary: The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Financial Assistant VAT in the Financial Management Center.

The work schedule for this position is: Full Time (LE: 38 hours per week, FS: 40 hours per week)

Start date: Candidate must be able to begin working within a reasonable period of time of receipt of agency authorization and/or clearances/certifications or their candidacy may end.

Supervisory Position: No

Duties:

Incumbent is the primary contact for official Value Added Tax (VAT) refunds for the Tri-Mission (Bilateral Embassy, U.S. Mission to the EU, U.S. Mission to NATO) and works closely with the General Services and Procurement Offices to obtain supporting documents to ensure proper collection by the cashier (ca 3,000 invoices for \$2.8M annually distributed to +50 agencies at post). Incumbent holds a portfolio of purchase orders (POs), ensures three-way match, and moves invoices in ILMS (Integrated Logistics Management System) to PSU (Post Support Unit) for processing. Additionally, incumbent serves as alternate Designated Billing Officer, logs all Tri-Mission incoming invoices received by the Financial Management Center, and distributes to designated colleagues for processing.

Qualifications and Evaluations

Education: Two years of post-secondary education.

Requirements:

EXPERIENCE: Minimum one year of work in a financial or administrative function.

JOB KNOWLEDGE: Must be able to quickly obtain a thorough knowledge of relevant Department of State regulations, Department-specific databases and automated systems, and post policies and Standard Operating Procedures.

Evaluations:

LANGUAGE: Speaking/Reading/Writing: Level 4 (fluency) in English, and level 4 (fluency) French or Dutch.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Must be proficient in office applications such as MS Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, etc. Must be able to quickly learn to understand and operate the Department's computer-based systems. Must be able to communicate orally and in writing with external and internal customers. Strong interpersonal skills.

Qualifications: All applicants under consideration will be required to pass medical and security certifications.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO): The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Benefits: Locally Employed Staff, including Members of Household (MOHs), working at the U.S. Mission in Brussels receive a compensation package that includes benefits such as hospitalization insurance, life insurance, and extra-legal pension.

For EFM's, benefits should be discussed with the Human Resources Office.

The pay plan is assigned at the same time of the conditional offer letter by the HR Office.

Other information:

HIRING PREFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran*
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP and CS with reemployment rights **

* **IMPORTANT:** Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of their most recent DD-214 ("Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty"), equivalent documentation, or certification. A "certification" is any written document from the armed forces that certifies the service member is expected to be discharged or released from active duty service in the armed forces under honorable conditions within 120 days after the certification is submitted by the applicant. The certification letter should be on letterhead of the appropriate military branch of the service and contain (1) the military service dates including the expected discharge or release date; and (2) the character of service. Acceptable documentation must be submitted in order for the preference to be given.

** This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP and CS with re-employment rights back to their agency or bureau.

For more information (i.e., what is an EFM, USEFM, AEFM, MOH, etc.) and for additional employment considerations, please visit the following link: <https://careers.state.gov/downloads/files/definitions-for-va>

How to Apply: All candidates must be able to obtain and hold a Local Security Certification or Public Trust clearance. Applicants must submit a Universal Application for Employment (DS-174) which is available on the Mission's internet site.

To apply for this position, applicants should electronically submit the documents listed below.

To apply for this position click the "Apply Now" button at the Mission's internet site:
<https://be.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>.

Required Documents: Please provide the required documentation listed below with your application:

- DS-174
- Copy of Orders/Assignment Notification (or equivalent)(for AEFM/USEFM)
- Residency and/or Work Permit (for non-EU citizen local residents)
- DD-214 - Member Copy 4, Letter from Veterans' Affairs, or other supporting documentation (if applicable)
- SF-50 (if applicable)

What to Expect Next: Applicants who are invited to take a language or skills test, or who are selected for an interview will be contacted via e-mail.

For further information: the complete position description listing all of the duties, responsibilities, required qualifications, etc. may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources office.

Thank you for your application and your interest in working at the U.S. Mission in Brussels.