

Open Source Officers



Open Source Officers serve as the primary collector of publicly available media and information for the US Intelligence Community. This multilingual staff uses a global collection infrastructure to bring the latest foreign political, military, economic and technical information to the attention of policymakers, analysts and others.

distribution of our product, which includes material culled from foreign radio, television, press, periodicals, books, online systems, databases and other publicly available sources of information. We are constantly working to improve the ways in which we collect unclassified material from around the world and deliver it as quickly as possible to our US Government customers.

Gather the information that can alter outcomes.



People Are the Key

Many Open Source Officers have lived in their region of interest and are already fluent in the language. Others have studied the language, politics and history of the region that they are interested in. Either way, success depends on having a flexible, versatile and multi-skilled work force that is comfortable working in a fast-paced team environment.

We seek people with a keen interest in foreign affairs, strong writing and analytic skills, a well-developed ability to read and translate one or more of a broad range of foreign languages, and a good working knowledge of the Internet. Generally, we're looking for people with an undergraduate or graduate degree in area studies or international relations in addition to foreign language reading and listening skills. As part of the screening process, selected applicants will be sent articles to translate and asked to complete an analytic writing exercise.

The Information Age

Open Source Officers work in a dynamic organization that seeks to remain in the forefront of the information revolution. We use the latest Internet, digital and network technologies to ensure fast translation, analysis and

Most positions are in the metropolitan Washington, DC area, but there is some opportunity for overseas travel and extended assignments. There is also opportunity for additional language training, area studies, and annual language hiring bonus pay.

Because of the CIA's national security role, there are specific qualifications that must apply, including US citizenship and the willingness and ability to successfully complete thorough background and medical examinations and security procedures, including a polygraph interview.



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