



## General Position Information

**Job Title:** FN052 - Speechwriter - GS-15

**Salary Range:** \$114,590 - \$164,200 (not applicable for detailees)

**Vacancy Open Period:** 03/25/2019 to 04/16/2019

**Position Type:** Cadre, Detailee

**Who May Apply:** Internal and External Candidates, Detailees

**Division:** PAO/ODIR

**Duty Location:** McLean, VA

**Security Clearance:** TS/SCI with CI Polygraph

**Travel Required** 0-25% Travel

**Relocation Expenses:** For new ODNI employees, reimbursement for relocation is discretionary based on availability of funds.

**Job Interview Travel:** Candidates from outside the Washington, D.C., area may be selected for a telephone, teleconference, or in-person interview. If selected for an in-person interview, any travel or lodging will be at the applicant's personal expense.

## Position Information

This is an opportunity for:

- An internal or external candidate to fill a GS-15 cadre position.
- A Federal Government employee to serve on a two-year reimbursable detail assignment in the ODNI. The detail assignment may be extended an additional year if all parties agree.

## Who May Apply

Current GS employees at the same grade or one grade lower than the advertised position grade may apply.

Former members of the Peace Corps may be considered for ODNI employment only if five full years have elapsed since separation from the Peace Corps.

- For a cadre assignment:
  - Current ODNI permanent cadre.
  - Current ODNI Staff Reserve Employees. (A staff reserve employee who currently occupies this position may not apply.)
  - Current Federal Government employees. (Current GS employees at the same grade or one grade lower than the advertised position grade may apply.)
  - Candidates outside the Federal Government.



- For a detailee assignment:
  - Current Federal Government employees. (Current GS employees at the same grade or one grade lower than the advertised position grade may apply.)

## **Salary Determination**

- The ODNI uses a rank-in-person system in which rank is attached to the individual. A selected ODNI candidate or other Federal Government candidate will be assigned to the position at the employee's current GS grade and salary.
- For a selected non-Federal Government candidate, salary will be established within the salary range listed above, based on education and experience.
- A current Federal Government employee, selected for a detail, will be assigned to the position at his or her current grade and salary.

## **Component Mission**

Strategic Communications – Positions the IC for the future through consistent and focused messaging and engagement that clearly communicates the vision, mission and direction of the IC over the next 5-10 years. Builds relationships, partnerships and strategies to create the right level of insights and transparency internally and externally, garnering the understanding and support of the American public.

## **Major Duties and Responsibilities (MDRs)**

- The successful candidate will serve as the principal speechwriter for the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence and provide support to other senior ODNI leaders as required.
- Research, draft, and revise speeches, briefings, and talking points.
- Draft and edit columns and op-ed articles under bylines of senior ODNI leadership for submission to print and web-based media.
- Review and edit speeches, briefings and presentations written by others for the PDDNI and ODNI leaders to ensure synchronization of message.
- Develop talking points, speech inserts, and fact sheets for major ODNI events or themes.
- Compose workforce communications for senior ODNI leadership, keeping ODNI staff informed about upcoming events, and serving as a liaison between staff and senior ODNI leadership.
- Write/edit official correspondence on behalf of ODNI senior leadership in response to internal & external stakeholder inquiries.
- Serve as a public outreach officer, coordinating appearances at events for senior ODNI leadership.
- Staff speaking events by the PDDNI and other ODNI leaders when requested, including assisting with advance work, media coordination, and logistics.



- Contribute written content such as news articles for internal publications and new and emerging communication vehicles, such as blogs, audio, video, and other online publications to ensure that key messages are available to all members of the IC and the general public.
- Lead staff in planning, developing, and producing informational materials concerning ODNI mission, programs, and activities for dissemination to stakeholders and in obtaining feedback on the effectiveness of these materials.

## **Mandatory and Educational Requirements**

- Experience working as an executive-level speechwriter and preparing executive-level presentations and correspondence.
- Strong oral and written communication skills including the demonstrated ability to communicate complex information and ideas to general audiences.
- Knowledge of the ODNI & Intelligence Community's missions, disciplines, and functions.
- Strong customer service and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced work environment and respond to changing demands.

## **Desired Requirements**

- Writing experience using the Associated Press Style Guide.
- Media relations experience.
- Script writing experience.

## **Key Requirements and How To Apply**

### **Internal ODNI Candidates:**

A complete application package must include:

- a. **RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.
- b. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- c. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.



- d. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** Applications should be sent to either DNI\_COO\_TM\_HR\_OPS\_TEAM\_A\_WMA@cia.ic.gov (classified email system) or Recruitment\_TeamA@dni.gov (unclassified email system). Applicants submitting via JWICS are requested to submit their materials to both portifa@dni.ic.gov (*Faith P.*) and bankssa@dni.ic.gov (*Sandra B.*) in lieu of the group address above. All attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

Applications submitted through the classified email system should NOT contain classified information above the TS//SI//TK//NOFORN level.

### External Candidates:

Key Requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship.
- Successful completion of CI polygraph and background investigation.
- Successful completion of an ODNI medical screening.
- A two-year trial period is required for all new permanent appointments to the ODNI.

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- b. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- c. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.
- d. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.
- e. **SF-50:** Current or former Federal Government employees must provide an SF-50, "Notification of Personnel Action" to verify current federal status, position, title, grade, and organization of record.

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**Current Federal Employees Applying for a Detail Assignment:**

**Applicants from federal agencies within the Intelligence Community (IC)** may be considered for this position as a reimbursable detailee, if endorsed by the employing agency. Applicants must have current TS//SCI clearances with polygraph or have the ability to obtain one. The ODNI does not conduct polygraphs or provide security clearances for detailees. *Applicants from within the IC must submit an application through the classified [IC Joint Duty Program website](#).*

**Applicants from federal agencies outside the IC** must provide:

- a. **WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT** from the employing agency concurring with the detail.
- b. **RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.
- c. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- d. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.
- e. **CURRENT SF-50:** Federal Government employees must provide an SF-50, "Notification of Personnel Action" to verify current federal status, position, title, grade, and organization of record. Please disregard if you are not a Federal Government employee.
- f. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.

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**All Applicants:**

**APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST CONTAIN ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

Your application **MUST** be received by midnight on the closing date of this announcement. Applications received after the closing date will **NOT** be eligible for consideration.



To verify receipt of your application package ONLY, you may call 703-275-3799.

## What To Expect Next

The most highly qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager for further consideration and possible interview. We expect to make a selection within 30 days of the closing date of this announcement. Due to the large number of applications received, applicants will be contacted ONLY if they have been selected for an interview.

## Agency Contact Information

ODNI Recruitment; Phone: 703-275-3799; Email: [Recruitment\\_TeamA@dni.gov](mailto:Recruitment_TeamA@dni.gov)

## Other Information

The ODNI offers a broad array of benefits programs and family friendly flexibilities for ODNI cadre.

- Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>
- Life Insurance: <http://www.opm.gov/insure/life/index.asp>
- Long-Term Care Insurance: <http://www.ltcfeds.com>
- Federal Employees Retirement SYSTEM (FERS) (new employees automatically covered): <http://www.opm.gov/retire/index.asp> if you are transferring from another agency and covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), you may continue in that system.
- Annual and Sick Leave: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/index.asp>
- Flexible Spending Accounts for Health Care and Dependent Care: <http://www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds/index.asp>
- Paid Federal Holidays
- Alternative Work Schedules

The ODNI is an equal opportunity employer and abides by applicable employment laws and regulations.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** The ODNI provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities. IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Intelligence Community Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office Representative by classified email at [DNI\\_COO\\_TM\\_EEOD\\_RA\\_WMA@cia.ic.gov](mailto:DNI_COO_TM_EEOD_RA_WMA@cia.ic.gov), by unclassified email at [DNI-EEOD\\_WMA@cia.ic.gov](mailto:DNI-EEOD_WMA@cia.ic.gov), by telephone at 301-243-0704 or by FAX at 301-243-1200. Your request for reasonable accommodation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE EEOD EMAIL ADDRESS. THIS EMAIL IS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS ONLY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE 'HOW TO APPLY' SECTION ABOVE.**