General Position Information

Job Title: NIC Analytic Methodologist/Tradecraft Analyst

Position Number: PB160

Position Grade: GS-14

Salary Range: $103,690 - $159,286 (not applicable for detailees)

Vacancy Open Period: 10/21/2021 – 11/19/2021

Position Type: Cadre, Detailee

Who May Apply: Internal ODNI Candidates, Detailees

Division: DNI/MI/NIC/APS

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 candidate to fill a GS-14 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

- For a cadre assignment:

  - Current ODNI permanent cadre.

- For a detailee assignment:

  - Current Federal Government employees at the same grade or up to one grade lower than the advertised positions 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.

- 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

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Deputy Director of Mission Integration (MI) serves as the Director of National Intelligence's (DNI) senior leader for intelligence integration across the IC enterprise. MI is responsible for ensuring customer outcomes by leading advances in collection and analysis that ensure the quality, timeliness, and utility of insights for the nation's decision-makers. Additionally, MI is responsible for increasing expertise and improving tradecraft at all levels through specialization, integration, and collaboration. MI is responsible for the strategic vision, direction, and planning to deliver a more integrated IC reflecting the collective wisdom of our collection and analytic components to advance, in support of the National Intelligence Managers, the Unifying Intelligence Strategies (UIS).

The National Intelligence Council (NIC) consists of the most senior intelligence analysts supporting the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) in carrying out responsibilities as the head of the Intelligence Community (IC) and as the principal adviser to the President for intelligence matters related to national security. The NIC produces a variety of all-source, IC coordinated intelligence reports, including its flagship product, the National Intelligence Estimate, which represents the Intelligence Community's most authoritative statement on a key national security issue.

Major Duties and Responsibilities (MDRs)

Provide tradecraft guidance to NIC managers and subject matter experts, applying a full-range of structured thinking methods and approaches to enrich, enhance, and elevate NIC subject matter experts' understanding of complex, multidisciplinary intelligence problems.

Be a NIC-wide tradecraft resource and force-multiplier by directly enabling the conceptualization and drafting of NIC estimative assessments—including National Intelligence Estimates, which are the most authoritative, DNI- and IC-vetted national security statements.

Apply IC quality standards and tradecraft rigor, in line with ODNI ICD 203, in your evaluation of draft NIC outlines and draft assessments. Provide timely feedback to NIOs on their analytic production.

Lead tradecraft consults, facilitations, and collaborative exercises to help NIC experts develop strategies to address uncertainties/gaps, alternative futures/trajectories, probabilistic analysis of risk and impact, and implications for US national security interests.

Assess and report NIC tradecraft trends to the FO and propose actions for overcoming areas for improvement.
Lead, cultivate, and maintain productive working relationships with NIC and IC colleagues and ODNI tradecraft subcommittees, and use these relationships to cross-pollinate tradecraft best practices.

Work directly with NIOs and Deputy NIOs to improve collaborative, multidisciplinary analysis and standardize the application of SATs and other tradecraft tools as integral part of the NIC’s analytic process.

Build and leverage diverse collaborative networks with the ODNI and across the IC.

**Mandatory and Educational Requirements**

Extensive knowledge and application of structured thinking tools/methods and other analytic approaches, as well as IC quality standards in the drafting, review, and production of finished analytic intelligence assessments.

Strong critical thinking and tradecraft facilitation skills, including demonstrated ability to frame problems strategically and to apply SATs to help experts draw out new/unique insights and explore alternative trajectories and possibilities that go beyond the known or knowable and advance the NIC’s forward-leaning, estimative analytic mission.

Demonstrated expertise in multiple SATs and other tradecraft and methodological tools.

Direct, hands-on experience mentoring and guiding IC analysts on the proper application of tradecraft techniques/tools to support analytic research and production.

Demonstrated ability and flexibility to support a fast-paced tradecraft environment and to make event scheduling changes as needed to meet customer demands.

Demonstrated ability to translate customer project requirements into tradecraft strategies, including planning and implementing consults/facilitations, crafting tradecraft objectives and benchmarks to track progress toward meeting goals, evaluating performance, and capturing and reporting results.

Demonstrated "classroom" problem-solving skills to effectively lead and moderate tradecraft exercises, often involving IC experts and stakeholders with strong equities and opinions on vexing intelligence issues.

Ability to effectively communicate tradecraft feedback to customers orally during the tradecraft consult/facilitation and later in writing.

Ability to work effectively both independently and in a NIC tradecraft cell/team, and in a collaborative group environment.

**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:** Internal ODNI Cadre Candidates must submit an application through the classified JobsDNI website. For current employees who do not currently have access to internal systems, applications should be sent to either DNI-HR-HRM-TEAMD-Mailbox@cia.ic.gov (classified email system) or Recruitment_TeamD@dni.gov (unclassified email system). Applicants experiencing technical issues may submit their application via email to either email system. Applications submitted through the classified email system should NOT contain classified information above the TS//SI/TK//NOFORN level.

**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 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.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** Applicants from within the IC must submit an application through the classified IC Joint Duty Program website. Applicants from federal agencies outside the IC should be sent to either DNI-HR-HRM-TEAMD-Mailbox@cia.ic.gov (classified email system) or Recruitment_TeamD@dni.gov (unclassified email system).

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.

**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 703-275-3663.

**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: 703-275-3663; Email: Recruitment_TeamD@dni.gov

**Other Information**

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_Reasonable_Accommodation_WMA@cia.ic.gov and DNI_Diversity_WMA@cia.ic.gov, by unclassified email at DNI_DRA@dni.gov, by telephone at 703-275-3900 or by FAX at 703-275-1217 . 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.