

Open Source Center



Open Source Officers (OSO) are the Intelligence Community's experts in collecting and analyzing publicly available information in support of national security. Hired as regional issue specialists, Agency librarians, cartographers/geographers or data scientists, OSOs manage and assess foreign media and related open sources to deliver high-impact analytic products for the US foreign affairs community. OSC analysts develop and apply in-depth knowledge to identify patterns, trends and often subtle relationships that provide unique insights into issues of national security.

INFORMATION AGE

Open Source Officers work in a dynamic environment that seeks to remain at the forefront of the information revolution. 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 other consumers in the US Government. Open Source Officers use the latest Internet, digital and network technologies to ensure fast translation, analysis and distribution of products, which include material culled from foreign radio, television, press, periodicals, books, online systems, databases and other publicly available sources of information. The Open Source Center constantly works to improve the ways in which unclassified material from around the world is collected and disseminated to US Government customers.

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 in which they are interested. Either way, success depends on having a flexible, versatile and multi-skilled work force that is comfortable working in a fast-paced team environment.

The Open Source Center seeks 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. Candidates with an undergraduate or graduate degree in area studies or international relations in addition to foreign language reading and listening skills are highly sought. As part of the screening process, appropriate applicants will be asked to provide writing samples and foreign language assessments. Librarian applicants need to have an MLS or similar degree.

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

Given the CIA's critical role in national security, all applicants must be US citizens, and must successfully complete a thorough medical and psychological exam, a polygraph interview and an extensive background investigation before becoming CIA employees.



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