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Personal Business/Job Talk

Intelligence community offers a wealth of job opportunities

FEW people can sit through a James Bond movie without thinking at least briefly about what it might be like to be a spy. But while going to exotic places and saving your country from disaster over sips of champagne may be James Bond's life, the typical spy is more likely to be a liberal arts or science grad who spends his time translating documents or eavesdropping on foreign transmissions.

According to the fall issue of *Occupational Outlook Quarterly*, this country's intelligence community includes much more than the Central Intelligence Agency — the famous CIA. For recent college grads who can pass the rigorous screening, there are good employment opportunities in most of these agencies.

The Central Intelligence Agency

According to David Atlee Phillips in his book *Careers in Secret Operations*, the CIA has four directorates, each with unique employment needs. The Directorate of Intelligence conducts research into foreign political activities. Its Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research produces geographic intelligence, while the Office of Imagery Analysis specializes in photo interpretation, and its Office of Scientific and Weapons Research conducts research on foreign scientific and technical activities and weapons.

Intelligence analysts with degrees in political science, history, international relations and business work in the Directorate of Intelligence as do people with master's degrees in library science, geographers and cartographers, and those with degrees in the physical sciences and engineering.

The CIA's Directorate of Administration employs personnel and management specialists and financial administrators, among other specialties, while its Directorate of Science and Technology is a top-secret department employing people with degrees in scientific and technical fields.

The CIA's fourth directorate, the Directorate of Operations, sometimes known as the clandestine service, employs officers who conduct overseas intelligence activities.

CIA recruiters regularly visit about 350 campuses a year and the CIA runs an active recruitment operation with eleven recruitment centers across the nation.

If you're interested in a CIA career, contact the Director of Personnel, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505

The Department of Defense

While the CIA receives the most publicity, the Department of Defense actually spends almost ten times more on intelligence. Its basic mission is to provide information on the military capabilities and

political intentions of foreign powers.

Its Defense Intelligence Agency supports the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff with its own intelligence estimates and coordinates Defense Department involvement in the national intelligence community.

Again, basically a research organization, it provides intelligence on such matters as the strength of opposing forces, estimates of foreign capabilities and vulnerabilities, and scientific and technical intelligence. Recruitment here is primarily at the entry level.

For additional information contact: Defense Intelligence Agency, Civilian Personnel Operations Division, (RHR 2), Washington, D.C. 20301

The DOD's Defense Mapping Agency produces strategic and tactical maps for the defense intelligence community and hires among others, about 200 cartographers a year.

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The National Security Agency

The most secret of all the members of the intelligence community, and technically part of the Department of Defense, the mission of the National Security Agency NSA is the collection of signals intelligence and the protection of U.S. communication systems.

The career fields within the NSA include computer systems, languages, communications security, intelligence research, cryptography, signals analysis and management administration.

The NSA maintains an active college-recruitment program, and, in 1985, it may hire as many as 2,000 new employees. For additional information, contact College Recruitment Program, National Security Agency, Attn: Office of Employment (M322), Fort Meade, Md. 20755.

The Bureau of Intelligence and Research also employs carries out intelligence work for the Department of State. Entry requirements are stiff. For additional information, contact U.S. Department of State, Recruitment Division, P.O. Box 9317, Rosslyn Station, Arlington, Va. 22209

The Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Department of Justice also has several major agencies that are members of the intelligence community. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, of course, conducts foreign counterintelligence investigations within the United States, but it does not recruit personnel specifically for assignments in foreign counterintelligence.

To become a special agent you must be a citizen of the United States, between 23 and 35 years old, in good health and physical condition, and be available for assignments anywhere in the FBI's jurisdiction. Graduates of state accredited law schools, those with accounting degrees, and holders of bachelor's degrees who are fluent in one or more languages may qualify.

Others candidates include engineering science majors and "diversified" candidates — those with a bachelor's degree who have at least three years full-time work experience or an advanced degree and two years experience. You can obtain information from the nearest office of the FBI, or contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Personnel, 10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20535.

Drug Enforcement Administration

Also within the Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Administration leads government efforts against drug traffickers and has about 2,000 agents serving in the United States and nearly 60 countries around the world. Foreign language fluency is a plus here, but as drug traffickers become increasingly sophisticated, auditors and accountants are in demand, too. Contact The Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Personnel, 1405 I St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20537.

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