

Job Title : Assessment Officer, P-4
Department / Office : Office of the Chief of Staff
Duty station : NEW YORK
Posting period : 29/05/2024 - 28/08/2024
Job Opening Number : DPO/SEC2401OMA/P-4/10

United Nations Core Values: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect for Diversity

Organizational Setting and Reporting :

This position is located in the Office of Military Adviser in the Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The incumbent reports directly to the Senior Assessment Officer.

Responsibilities :

The incumbent will be responsible for the following duties:

- Research, collect and analyse the military situation, within an allocated regional area of responsibility.
- Provide strategic military assessments, regular situation assessment reports and specific situation assessment reports as required.
- Prepares the threat assessment and environmental impact assessment during crisis situations.
- Participates in integrated technical assessment/survey missions.
- Prepares and delivers technical briefings/presentations on the military situation in current or potential peacekeeping areas.
- Maintains close liaison with field missions, UN Departments and UN Agencies in the coordination of assessment products. The Assessment Officer may also have responsibility for a regional assessment cell and may be required to supervise its work.
- Contribute to the drafting/ clearing of code cables, reports of the Military Adviser to the UN peacekeeping and political missions in the Field as well as other Offices in the UN Secretariat, in military component mission wide or thematic reports.
- Prepare talking points, speeches, and take notes while accompanying the Military Adviser and other Senior Officials while attending high level meetings.
- Perform other related duties as required.
- Undertake these or similar duties anywhere within UN Headquarters as well as in field missions including deployment to the missions for up to 90 days.

Competencies :

Professionalism: Demonstrated expertise in the area of military situation assessment, ability to evaluate international political and military situations; Ability to collate all-source information; analyse military situations and military threats to operations; and produce strategic military assessments, including forecasting possible future military developments; Research, analytical and evaluative skills, and ability to conduct independent research and analysis, identify issues, formulate concepts and options and make conclusions and recommendations. Ability to produce high quality work with limited supervision and in unfamiliar environments. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Qualifications :

Education: Graduation from National Command and Staff College is required. Military Advance Intelligence course is required. Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in military science, political science, international relations, international economics, law, public administration, or related field is required. A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Experience:

A minimum of seven (7) years of progressively responsible experience in military profession is required. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the graduation from the national military/defense college or academy. Applicant must be an active service military officer in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel is required equivalent in other services for at least one year.

Experience in military intelligence (J2) branch including military information collation, analysis, and assessments at the operational or strategic level is required.

Experience in intelligence including knowledge of analytical techniques and tools is required.

Deployment to at least one recent United Nations Peace Operation or equivalent for a minimum period of one year required.

Experience in command at the Battalion/Regimental Level is desirable.

Languages: English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the position(s) advertised, fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official United Nations language is an advantage.

Assessment Method :

Kindly note that you may, as part of the evaluation of your application for this position, be requested to undergo written knowledge-based or technical assessment exercises, which may be followed by a competency-based interview depending on the result of the written test.

Special Notice :

Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to the Member States of the United Nations. Only military officers who are currently employed in their national military service and who have received authorization from their respective national authority to apply for this Job Opening will be considered.

The Appointment is limited to service within the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) on posts financed under the peacekeeping support account requiring active military service. It should be noted that during the period of their secondment to the UN, military officers cannot be reassigned or transferred to any other position in the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) or other parts of the UN Secretariat. Successful candidates will be offered a two-year fixed-term appointment which, based on performance and operational needs, may be extended for a third year or, in exceptional circumstances, a fourth and final year.

Currently serving seconded active-duty officers under a UN contract are not eligible to apply or be nominated for another seconded officer position until after at least one year of separation from their last secondment on a contract with the UN Secretariat. As a result, nominations of currently serving seconded active-duty military officers under a UN contract will not be considered.

Nominations from women candidates are strongly encouraged.