

UNHCR Junior Professional Officer

General Job Description

Role: Junior Professional Officer (JPO). Specific role still tbc.

Location: tbc. Likely to be a developing country but with the option of living with spouse and family.

Duration: The selected candidate will be employed on a fixed-term contract for an initial duration of two years with a probationary period of one year.

Background: The UN's Junior Professional (JPO) programme is an international scheme that provides young professionals, sponsored by their respective governments, an extraordinary opportunity to embark on a senior career within the UN system. During their assignments JPOs benefit from the guidance of experienced UN staff members and are actively involved in supporting the design and implementation of UN programs.

Having joined the programme in 2021, Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) is looking to place a JPO with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in one of its country offices. The precise role is still to be confirmed, but will involve some aspect of planning, implementing, monitoring and reporting humanitarian programming for refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons. This is a unique opportunity for a Jersey resident to kickstart an international aid career with the UN, and to contribute at the frontline of an on-going humanitarian emergency.

Essential requirements:

- Three years of relevant experience with a Bachelor's degree, two years with a Master's degree, or one year of relevant experience with Doctorate in one of the following:
 - Education;
 - Economics;
 - Social or Political Science;
 - Business Administration;
 - Social Economics;
 - Law;
 - Human Rights
 - International Development
 - Other relevant field
- Keen and demonstrated interest in the United Nations and humanitarian issues
- Resourcefulness, initiative, tact and ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with persons of different national and cultural backgrounds

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent information technology skills, including word-processing, database applications, presentation software
- Experience in analytic report writing and ability to communicate well orally and in writing
- Permanently Entitled to live in Jersey

JPO opportunities are sponsored by country governments for the benefit of their own citizens. To be considered for this role you must therefore have **Permanent Entitled Status** to live and work in Jersey. Typically this means you:

- a) were born in Jersey and resident for a period of at least 10 years; or
- b) have been resident in Jersey for a continuous period of at least 10 years starting before you reached the age of 16; or
- c) are the child of a parent who was Entitled, arrived in Jersey before the age of 20, and have been resident for a period of at least 10 years

If in doubt about Permanent Entitled Status please consult the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 or the Population Office for more information.

Desirable:

- Working knowledge of another UN language
- Experience residing and working in a developing country
- Experience delivering development or humanitarian programming
- Experience of working with refugees
- Experience of working with an NGO, especially in the field
- Knowledge of refugee or international humanitarian law OR Experience in cash assistance programming

Salary, Terms and Conditions

The basic salary starts at c. USD\$60,000 (UN Scale P2) with additional allowances for cost of living, housing and travel to and from the duty station with any recognised dependants.

Application process

Please send a cover letter and CV to t.lebas@joa.je by 19th March. JOA will shortlist potential candidates and send the list to UNHCR, who will conduct the final selection process for the post.

We hope the successful candidate will be able to commence their duties this summer.