
UNITED NATIONS VERIFICATION MISSION IN COLOMBIA

JOB OPENING

Internal / External

Job Title & Level:	Administrative Assistant (GS-4)- Multiple Duty Stations
Department/Office:	UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN COLOMBIA (UNVMC)
Location:	Sub-Regional Offices Sincelejo and Apartadó
Posting Period:	7 – 20 October 2021
Job Opening Number:	UNVMC - NJO-2021-021 Temporary Appointment for 6 months with the possibility of extension according to availability of funds.

UNITED NATIONS CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

IMPORTANT NOTE

The Human Resources Unit invites all interested and qualified candidates to apply to the announced position. All interested candidates should submit their applications using the P11 form, which can be found at <https://colombia.unmissions.org/empleo>, or Personal History Form (PHP) (CVs will **NOT** be accepted). Please review that your application is properly signed and has information on your contact details: email address and telephone numbers. You may send your application to the following e-mail address: mcrecruitment@un.org

Please be advised that only applications using the UN P11 or PHP form will be reviewed. Please do not submit any additional certificates/diplomas, employment letters and other documents at this stage of the application process. Kindly ensure that you include the job opening number for the above position in your e-mail application. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Only Colombian Nationals or Foreign with valid working permit in Colombia are eligible to apply for National Job Openings.

As per the Secretary General's Gender Parity Strategy, the United Nations Secretariat is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

#United_for_Gender_Parity. Candidates interested to work for the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia may wish to check out our Realistic Job Preview videos to get an idea of the living and working conditions in different duty stations in Colombia.: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-8SCkVjge3073SwTDG1VQf1oLTWfUQ4>

Organizational Setting and Reporting

These positions are located in Apartadó and Sincelejo sub-regional offices of the UNVMC. The Administrative Assistant will report to the Liaison Officer (P-4).

Responsibilities

Under the overall direction of the Liaison Officer (P-4) and within limits of delegated authority, the Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the following duties:

- Performs a wide range of office support and administrative functions;
- Provides advice and guidance to staff with respect to administrative procedures, processes and practices, liaising with central administrative services as necessary;
- Initiates, processes, monitors, reviews and follows-up on actions related to the administration of the sub-offices' human resource activities;
- Responds or drafts responses to routine correspondence and other communications; uses standard software document processing packages to produce a wide variety of large, complex documents and reports;
- Monitors processes and schedules related to the sub-office's outputs, products, tasks, etc;
- Prepares processes and follows-up on administrative arrangements and forms related to the official travel of staff.
- Assists in researching, compiling and organizing information and reference materials from various sources for reports, work plans, studies, briefings, meetings/conferences, etc;
- Assists in the generation of a variety of reports, work orders, etc., using various databases;
- Assists in the preparation of budget performance submissions.
- Screens phone calls and visitors; responds to moderately complex information requests and inquiries (e.g. answers requests requiring file search, etc.), and as necessary, refers inquiries to appropriate personnel for handling;
- Provides secretarial, administrative and logistics support to meetings, boards, committees, conferences, etc;
- Assists in the preparation of presentation materials using appropriate technology/software;
- Maintains calendar/schedules; monitors change and communicates relevant information to appropriate staff inside and outside the immediate work unit/section;
- Performs data entry functions;
- Reviews, records, distributes and/or processes mail and other documents; follows-up on impending actions;
- Performs general administrative tasks (e.g. leave and attendance recording, travel arrangements, UMOJA support, arrangements for meetings and other events, reservations, budget follow-up, etc.), to include preparing and/or processing administrative requests/documents (e.g. requisitions, purchase orders, travel requests, contracts, expenditure authorizations, visa applications, etc.);
- Maintains files (both paper and electronic) and databases for work unit/section;
- Operates and maintains a variety of office equipment in the performance of basic office functions, e.g. photocopier, facsimile, printer, scanner, etc;
- Provides guidance to less experienced staff on general office processes and procedures, computer applications, etc;
- Liaises and assists in coordination of logistics support with Mission Support-Logistics operations HQ and other mission components.
- Monitors and reports on implementation of logistics plans, including movement and delivery of assets and completion of project functions as required.
- Ensure that throughout all administrative process there is adequate inclusion of a gender perspective according to UNVMC Gender Parity Strategy.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Core Values

Professionalism: Ability to perform a wide range of administrative functions, e.g., budget/work programme, human resources, database management. Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; remains calm in stressful situations. Commitment to implementing the goal of gender equality by ensuring the equal participation and full involvement of women and men in all aspects of work.

Integrity: Demonstrates the values of the United Nations in daily activities and behaviors. Acts without consideration of personal gain. Resists undue political pressure in decision-making. Does not abuse power or authority. Stands by decisions that are in the Organization's interest, even if they are unpopular. Takes prompt action in cases of unprofessional or unethical behavior.

Respect for diversity: Works effectively with people from all backgrounds. Treats all people with dignity and respect. Treats men and women equally. Shows respect for and understanding of diverse points of view and demonstrates this understanding in daily work and decision-making. Examines own biases and behaviors to avoid stereotypical responses. Does not discriminate against any individual or group.

Competencies

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.

Client Orientation: Considers all those to whom services are provided to be "clients" and seeks to see things from clients' point of view; establishes and maintains productive partnerships with clients by gaining their trust and respect; identifies clients' needs and matches them to appropriate solutions; monitors ongoing developments inside and outside the clients' environment to keep informed and anticipate problems; keeps clients informed of progress or setbacks in projects; meets timeline for delivery of products or services to client.

Education

High school diploma or equivalent is required.

Work Experience

A minimum of three (3) years of experience in administrative services, finance, accounting, audit, contracting and human resources or related area is required.

Experience working in an international organization is desirable.

Languages

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For the post advertised, Fluency in Spanish (both oral and written) and knowledge of English is required.

United Nations Considerations

Candidates will be required to meet the requirements of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter as well as the requirements of the position. The United Nations is committed to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for all its human resources, including but not limited to respect for international human rights and humanitarian law.

Candidates may be subject to screening against these standards, including but not limited to whether they have committed or are alleged to have committed criminal offences and/or violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (charter of the united nations - chapter 3, article 8). the United Nations secretariat is a non-smoking environment.

No Fee

THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS (APPLICATION, INTERVIEW MEETING, PROCESSING, OR TRAINING). THE UNITED NATIONS DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH INFORMATION ON APPLICANTS' BANK ACCOUNTS.

IMPORTANT: Global General Staff Service Test (GGST) will be required for this position. Long listed candidates will be invited to present the computer based in the Duty Station of this Job Opening. Candidates who are currently serving staff members or former staff members employed within the last 24 months who have passed the Administrative Assessment Support Test (ASAT) in English at UN Headquarters, ECA, ESCWA, UNOV, UNOG, ICTR, or ICTY are exempt from the GGST. If you have passed the ASAT in English in one of the offices listed above, please inform us as soon as possible.