



JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER PROGRAMME (JPO) 2017/2018

The Italian Junior Professional Officer Programme (JPO) is a multilateral technical cooperation initiative sponsored by the Government of Italy and implemented by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA). It enables Italian citizens and citizens of eligible developing countries holding an advanced university degree to gain work experience with international organizations for a period of two years.

The purpose of the Programme is two-fold: on the one hand, it assists international organizations in carrying out their activities by providing them with skilled personnel for a period of two years; on the other, it allows young qualified professionals seeking an international career the opportunity of two years' work experience that will broaden their chances of finding a suitable job in international organizations or in the international field.

Candidates must meet all the following requirements to be considered eligible for the 2017/2018 edition:

- born on or after 1 January 1987 (1 January 1984 for graduates in Medicine).
- Italian nationality
- fluency in English and Italian
- advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
 - ✓ *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
 - ✓ *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
 - ✓ *Laurea/Laurea Triennale* plus university Master's degree
 - ✓ Bachelor's degree plus university Master's degree.

For the 2017/2018 edition, a limited number of positions will be assigned to candidates from developing countries (*Least Developed Countries* and priority countries for the Italian Development Cooperation). The list of the eligible countries is available from the website www.undesa.it.

Candidates from developing countries must meet all the following requirements to be considered eligible for the 2017/2018 edition:

- born on or after 1 January 1987 (1 January 1984 for graduates in medicine)
- fluency in English (knowledge of Italian will be considered an asset)
- advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
 - ✓ *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
 - ✓ *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
 - ✓ *Laurea/Laurea Triennale* plus university Master's degree
 - ✓ Bachelor's degree plus university Master's degree.

Given the highly competitive nature of the Italian JPO Programme, as well as the increasingly demanding skill-sets and levels of experience sought by International Organizations, the following are frequently considered important assets:

- *Knowledge of other UN official languages/languages spoken in developing countries*
- *Additional academic qualifications and/or training courses*
- *Solid professional work experience (minimum one year)*
- *Key competencies such as client orientation, teamwork, communication, accountability, planning and organization.*

Candidates are expected to be motivated, flexible and willing to adapt to different environments. Furthermore, they must at all times demonstrate commitment to the core values of the United Nations, i.e. integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

The deadline for submitting applications to the 2017-2018 round of the JPO Programme is **15 December 2017 at 3 pm** (Italian local time).

Before starting the application process, please read carefully the [How to Apply](#) webpage.

Applications to the Programme can only be submitted online through the [Online Web Application \(OWA\)](#) of the UN/DESA Office in Rome. It is no longer possible to submit applications by regular mail or personally deliver them to the UN/DESA Office in Rome.

Only short-listed applicants will be informed by UN/DESA about the positive outcome of the pre-selection process.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.undesa.it/> or email the UN/DESA Office in Rome at JPOinfo@undesa.it.