

**Opening of the call for applications for the Italian Junior Professional Officers Programme
(JPO Programme)
2025 Edition**

The call for applications for 56 positions in the Italian Junior Professional Officers Programme is open. 11 positions are assigned to different entities of the United Nations Secretariat and 45 to 23 international organizations, for a total of 23 duty stations. 54 positions are reserved for candidates of Italian nationality. 2 positions are reserved for candidates from developing countries.

The job descriptions of the JPO positions for which candidates can apply are available on the webpage <https://www.undesa.it/index.php/jpo-programme/jpo-positions/>.

The deadline for submitting applications to the 2025 round of the Italian JPO Programme is **16 June 2025 at 3 p.m. (Italy local time)**.

The Italian JPO Programme is a multilateral development cooperation initiative sponsored by the Government of Italy through the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and implemented by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA). It enables qualified Italian nationals and nationals of eligible developing countries to gain work experience with international organizations for a period of two years, with the possibility of a further one-year extension.

The purpose of the Programme is two-fold: a) to assist international organizations in carrying out their activities by providing them with gratis skilled personnel; b) to allow qualified young professionals seeking an international career to make a relevant experience that could broaden their chances of recruitment in international organizations or in the international field.

Interested candidates will need to access the dedicated online platform and, following the instructions, will be able to submit their application to the chosen position(s). Candidates can apply to a **maximum of two positions**.

The **general** admission requirements for Italian nationals are the following:

- Born on or after 1 January 1994 (1 January 1993 for graduates in Medicine; 1 January 1991 for graduates in Medicine who have already been awarded a post-graduate medical specialization degree)
- Italian nationality
- Fluency in English and Italian (in all four areas: *Read, Speak, Write, Understand*)
- Advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
 - *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
 - *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
 - University Master's degree awarded after a *Laurea/Laurea Triennale*
 - University Master's degree awarded after a Bachelor's degree.

For admission to the Italy-funded JPO Programme candidates from developing countries must meet the following **general** requirements:

- Hold the nationality of one of the developing countries eligible for the position¹
- Born on or after 1 January 1994 (1 January 1993 for graduates in Medicine; 1 January 1991 for graduates in Medicine who have already been awarded a post-graduate medical specialization degree)
- Fluency in English (in all four areas: *Read, Speak, Write, Understand*)
- Advanced university degree awarded before the application deadline, such as:
 - *Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica*
 - *Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico*
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Both for candidates of Italian nationality and candidates of foreign nationality admitted to the Programme, the **specific** requirements for each position - such as years of professional experience, additional languages, specific academic qualifications or training, required competencies, etc. - are indicated in job descriptions posted online.

Interested candidates are encouraged to read carefully the [How to Apply](#) webpage before starting the application process.

Applications to the Programme **can only be submitted online** through the Online Web Application tool (OWA) of the UN/DESA Office in Rome. Applications submitted through other channels will not be taken into consideration.

For additional information, please consult the relevant webpages on www.undesa.it or email the UN/DESA Office in Rome at JPOinfo@undesa.it.

List of JPO positions

Organization	Assignment	Duty station
Alliance Bioversity & CIAT	Research Officer, Food Environment and Consumer Behavior (FECB)	Rome (Italy)
	Partnerships Officer	Dakar (Senegal)
CIHEAM-IAMB	Procurement and Financial Officer	Bari (Italy)
	Technical Secretariat Officer, Development and Planning Area	Bari (Italy)
	Water Resources Management Officer	Bari (Italy)
	Programme Officer for TANIT Programme (Tunisia), Development and Planning Area	Tunis (Tunisia)
FAO	Agricultural Economist	Algiers (Algeria)
	JPO in Food Loss and Waste, Food Systems and Food Safety Division	Rome (Italy)

¹ Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia.

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	JPO in Environment and Climate Finance, Office of the Director, FAO Investment Centre	Rome (Italy)
IAEA	Associate HR Data Analytics Officer, Human Resources Development Section, Division of Human Resources	Vienna (Austria)
	Associate Project Officer, Department of Technical Cooperation, Division for Africa	Vienna (Austria)
ICCROM	JPO in Programme Development	Rome (Italy)
ICO	JPO in Technical Cooperation, Operations Division	London (UK)
IDLO	Reporting Analyst, Programme Management Office	Rome (Italy)
IFAD	Technical Analyst (Environment and Climate)	Cairo (Egypt)
	Procurement Analyst, Procurement and Financial Management Division	Rome (Italy)
	Programme Analyst, Department of Country Operations, East and Southern Africa Division	Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
ILO	JPO in the Promotion of Employment and Resource Mobilization	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)
	JPO in the Rural Economy Sectors, Sectoral Policies Department	Geneva (Switzerland)
IOM	Migration Health Policy Officer	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
	Regional Liaison and Policy Support Officer, Regional Office	Dakar (Senegal)
	Programme Officer (Protection)	Tunis (Tunisia)
ISA	Associate Legal Officer (Regulatory Affairs)	Kingston (Jamaica)
ITC	JPO in Regional Integration, Division of Country Programme/ Office for Africa	Geneva (Switzerland)
OECD	Junior Policy Analyst, Development Co-operation Directorate Financing for Sustainable Development Division, DCD/FSD	Paris (France)
	JPO, Development Co-operation Directorate, Community of Practice on Private Finance for Sustainable Development (CoP-PF4SD)	Paris (France)
OHCHR	JPO in Human Rights, Central Africa Regional Office	Yaoundé (Cameroon)
UN/DESA	JPO in Economic Affairs, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch	New York (USA)
UN/ECE	JPO in Green Cities, Environmental Affairs, Division for Forests, Land and Housing	Geneva (Switzerland)
UN/HABITAT	*Associate Human Settlement Officer, SDG Localization and Local Governments Team, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division	Nairobi (Kenya)
	JPO in the Policy Legislation and Governance Section, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division	Nairobi (Kenya)
UN/OCHA	JPO in Humanitarian Affairs (Coordination), Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa / Coordination Unit	Cairo (Egypt)
	* JPO in Humanitarian Affairs, Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa (ROSEA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit	Nairobi (Kenya)
UN/OOSA	JPO in Programme Administration, Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section	Vienna (Austria)
UNDP	Digital Transformation Programme Analyst	Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)

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	Digital Transformation Programme Analyst	Maputo (Mozambique)
	Programme Analyst, Governance, Digital flagship	Dakar (Senegal)
UNDRR	JPO in Disaster Risk Reduction – EU and Western Balkans	Brussels (Belgium)
UNEP	Associate Programme Officer, Climate Finance, Adaptation and Resilience Branch, Climate Division	Nairobi (Kenya)
UNESCO	JPO in the Education Support Programme	Maputo (Mozambique)
UNHCR	Associate Donor Relations Officer	Cairo (Egypt)
	Associate Communications Officer	Chisinau (Moldova)
UNICEF	Social Policy Officer (Public Finance for Children)	(TBD)
	WASH and Climate Officer	Tunis (Tunisia)
UNICRI	JPO in Research and Programme Development	Turin (Italy)
UNIDO	JPO in the Directorate of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy (SPP), Division of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (GEW)	Vienna (Austria)
	JPO in the Directorate of Global Partnerships and External Relations (GLO), Division of Regional Bureaus and Field Offices (RFO)	Vienna (Austria)
	JPO in the Division of Regional Bureaus and Field Offices, Arab Regional Coordination Bureau	Tunis (Tunisia)
UNODC	JPO in Crime Prevention (Maritime Crime), Division of Operations / Border Management Branch / Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP)	Tunis (Tunisia)
UNOPS	Partnerships Officer, Partnerships and Liaison Group, Brussels Liaison Office	Brussels (Belgium)
	Sustainable Procurement Analyst, Procurement Group, Management & Policy	Copenhagen (Denmark)
UNRCO	JPO in Political Analysis	Algiers (Algeria)
	JPO in Coordination	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
WFP	Humanitarian Programme Officer, Emergency Preparedness and Response Service, Programme Policy and Guidance Division	Rome (Italy)
	Social Protection Programme Officer, Social Protection Unit School Meals and Social Protection Service	Rome (Italy)
World Bank	JPO in the Infrastructure Group, Western & Central Africa Energy (IAWE2), Western & Central Africa Vice Presidency (AFWVP)	Washington DC (USA)

* Position reserved for candidates from developing countries