



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Contract Linguists

### Become an FBI Contract Linguist

Contract Linguists provide valuable knowledge of foreign languages and cultures to support FBI investigations into counterintelligence threats, cases of corruption, espionage, cyber crime, human trafficking and other offenses.

### Contract Linguists

Contract linguists are considered self-employed and are not eligible to receive government benefits. They earn an hourly rate as determined by their language proficiency and the FBI's current need for their language(s).

Hourly Rates range from \$38.00 to \$42.00

The majority of FBI Linguists begin their careers as contractors, but Contract Linguists may convert to become full-time employee Language Specialists.

### More Than Just Words

FBI Linguists' duties can include:

- Translating written or audio material, normally from a foreign language into English
- Interpreting during interviews of suspects, victims, and witnesses or visits from foreign dignitaries
- Providing cultural expertise relating to any matter over which the FBI has jurisdiction
- Testifying at trial and occasionally accompanying Special Agents on searches and or arrests

### Minimum Qualifications

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have lived in the United States for three of the last five years, unless serving outside the country as a federal employee or the dependent of an employee
- Be able to obtain a Top-Secret Clearance
- Be willing to complete a language proficiency test battery, polygraph, and comprehensive background investigation
- Be available to work on-site at least 20 hours a week

### Automatic Disqualifiers

- Not a U.S. citizen
- Have been convicted of a felony
- Have violated the FBI Employment Drug Policy
- Have defaulted on a loan insured by the United States Government

### For more information

Send your questions to:

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**Join us for an informational session on  
March 14, 2020 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm  
at the Austin Public Library  
North Village Branch located at  
2505 Steck Ave., Austin, TX 78757**

### Professional Proficiency Required

Successful candidates must exhibit proficiency in English and pass the required components of the FBI's Language Test Battery in English and a foreign language. The FBI looks for candidates who score in the general professional proficiency range according to the Interagency Language Roundtable ([www.govtilr.org](http://www.govtilr.org)).

**Contract Linguist opportunities in the San Antonio Division open to Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Indonesian, Pashto, Russian, Somali and Spanish.**