



Ministry of Defense Advisor (MoDA) Program
Position Description: ROMANIA – F-16 Air Operations Advisor

Title: F-16 Air Operations Advisor
Locations: Romania
Grade: GS-12/13/14/15

COCOM: EUCOM
Tour length: 12 to 30 months*
Clearance: Secret

**Applicants must be DoD civilians in GS-12/13/14/15 pay grades or equivalent to be eligible.
24-30-month assignment is preferred***

The Ministry of Defense Advisor (MoDA) program trains and deploys Department of Defense civilians to serve as Advisors supporting Institutional Capacity Building initiatives within Partner Nations. Successful completion of the MoDA Strategic Advisor Course is required. The 7-week training includes advising and mentoring skills, operational readiness, history, culture, and language training. The incumbent will use their experience to assist partners in finding host nation solutions and create sustainable programs and processes within their laws and cultures.

Background:

The Romanian Ministry of National Defense (MOND) desires to strengthen the management of their F-16 fleet, specifically related to maintenance, supply, and stocks of existing and planned F-16 programs. A properly functioning F-16 fleet will enable the Ministry of National Defense to undertake their envisaged three core goals: 1) Air policing, 2) support to the country's individual Graduated Defense Plan, and 3) contribute to the NATO Integrated Air Defense System.

Requirements:

The advisor will provide F-16 specific expertise experience to the senior leadership of the Romanian, Air Forces in the areas of policy and management: aircraft sortie generation to include projection and budgeting for the lifecycle costs of the aircraft, fuel allocation for operations and training purposes, maintenance, stocks, and supply.

Ideally, the candidates should be former rated fighter pilots with command experience. The candidates can be expected to have experience in overseeing policy that relates to the operation of multi-role fighter aircraft. This experience should include, but is not limited to training, maintenance, supplies and stocks of high-usage spare parts and consumables, airframe and engine management and planning, and flight line and back shop safety practices.

The advisor will be expected to have operational expertise and managerial experience in all aspects of support to the F-16 fleet: launch and recovery of aircraft, ground handling, servicing, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, pre-flight, thru-flight, basic post-flight, home station check, special inspection, corrosion control, cleaning, troubleshooting, and adjustment, on-equipment repair, component removal and replacement, documenting maintenance action, and managing aircraft forms.



The advisor will make recommendations to the Romanian, Air Force Chiefs on required changes to, and modifications of, existing flight operations organizations and the aviation maintenance management system to make it effective, and thereby increase mission capable and fully mission capable rates of airframes. The advisors will also provide expertise and advice on the implementation of these recommendations.

The desired candidate will have in-depth knowledge and experience of multi-role fighter aircraft, preferably rated instructor pilots, possessing command experience overseeing maintenance and supply in a large USAF or USN aviation operational command.

Knowledge of Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), USAF, and organizational policies, goals, and directives as applicable to several diversified and complex directives associated with the Security Assistance/Cooperation Program, executed by the DoD under the auspices of the Department of State (DoS) and/or DoD.

Knowledge of budget development and execution, project cost management, and Contract Officer Technical Representative (COTR) experience preferred.

Familiarity with Direct Commercial Sales and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) support programs is highly desired to include but not limited to familiarity of the Letter of Offer and Acceptance to identify the equipment items, spares, logistics support, equipment warranties, and training purchased by the partner nations.

Candidates can expect to attend Program Management Reviews both OCONUS and CONUS. Basic understanding of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center policies and procedures for execution of the Total Package Approach.

Specific Tasks:

- Review existing and where needed, develop new, comprehensive aircraft maintenance support systems, structures, and procedures for the F-16 fleet.
- Provide guidance regarding F-16 maintenance, logistics supplies, and personnel training.
- Act as the principal advisor to commander, air force, for all matters concerning the management of F-16 maintenance, supplies, and stocks.
- Ensure that F-16 maintenance policies and concepts are developed holistically, based on guidance from commander, air force, joint operations command, and national-level policy priorities, and their impact on other areas within the air force are understood, controlled, and planned.

Desired Knowledge, Skills, Experience:

- Knowledge of the working of foreign governments, the nature of their military and civilian governmental structures, and the culture and political dynamics influencing them.



- Prior experience training and working with central/eastern European militaries is desired.
- Applicants must be willing to immerse themselves with their allied air force counterparts and will be expected to travel throughout the country.
- Experience coordinating policies and methods for the purpose of developing complex air force capabilities.
- Knowledge of a modern Slavic language desired, but not required.
- Appropriate social skills and cultural awareness to exert (informal) leadership in a complex environment.
- Fundamental knowledge of Institutional Capacity Building core processes (strategy and policy, force management, human resources management, acquisition and logistics, resource management, and defense governance) and the focus areas supporting security cooperation.
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.
- Proven self-starter who can work independently and successfully at various organizational levels with executives, managers, leaders, and staff from multiple functional areas.
- Proven success in individual and organizational capacity-building, and demonstrated ability to share knowledge, mentor, and coach others.
- Demonstrated ability to work in an environment with limited resources and to apply innovative and creative solutions to resolve problems.

Additional Information:

- Must be available for detail from their home organization for a period of at least 14 months to include training, preparation and a 12 to 30-month assignment.
- The selected MoDA will conduct Temporary Changes of Station (TCS) move to Romania and will receive post differential and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) while assigned to post. COLA is calculated based on the comparative cost-of-living at the foreign post versus the cost-of-living in Washington DC. COLA is not a direct calculation of base salary multiplied by the COLA percentage, but rather a percentage of spendable income as determined by the Department of State. For more information about COLA, go to:
https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/location_action.asp?MenuHide=1&CountryCode=1105
- This position could be eligible to receive Relocation Incentive Pay in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 5753 and DSCA policy.
- It is incumbent upon the applicant to understand the entitlements when considering applying for this position, and it is recommended that applicants seek guidance from their organization's payroll activity to better understand how the entitlements are calculated and their impact on the applicant's personal income.

HOW TO APPLY:



Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Cover letter summarizing how your skills and capabilities align with the requirements
2. Complete chronological resume (include civilian GS grade, military rank or industry title for each position)
3. Most recent SF-50 (redact SSN and date of birth)
4. Three (3) Supervisor References: Required from current supervisor and/or supervisors from prior deployments (substitutions allowed)
5. Documentation of command / component approval to deploy

Submit application package to the MoDA Program Office email address:

dsca.ncr.bpc.list.moda@mail.mil

Command Approval to Deploy is required:

Army Employees:

Must submit the endorsement of their command leadership along with an application and their resume to the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel ECW team. Click on the following link and create an account to begin: www.apan.org. After creating the account, download the Request for Deployment (RFD) fillable form and process through chain of command as instructed.

Air Force Employees:

Must submit an approved AF Expeditionary Civilian application package to the AF Expeditionary Civilian team prior to Ministry of Defense Advisor (MoDA) Program for consideration. The application template can be found at: <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/12852/SitePages/Home.aspx> and must contain Colonel/GS-15 or equivalent level approval. The completed package should include an approved application, resume, current SF-50 (SSN & Date of Birth redacted-unreadable), and the following items, as prescribed by the recruitment ad: cover letter, letter(s) of reference/recommendation, and any additional documentation. Submit the completed package to: afpc.expeditionarycivilian@us.af.mil and the team will process for final endorsement to MoDA.

Navy and US Marine Corps Employees:

Click on the following link to the MoDA Application and Command Support Form for DON Employees:

<https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/MRA/DONHR/OCHRStennis/Expeditionary%20Civilian%20Workforce/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Submit completed MoDA Application and Command Support Form for DON Employees to the group email inbox: OCHRSTE_EC@navy.mil. Ensure “MoDA” appears in the subject line.

Other DoD Agency Employees:



Provide approval memo staffed through your appropriate Deployment Coordinator or agency headquarters. If you do not know your agency's deployment coordinator, contact the MoDA recruiting team: dsca.ncr.bpc.list.modaprograminfo@mail.mil