

Language Pathways Podcast Series: Connecting Heritage Learners to Federal Careers
Episode 9: Government Jobs that Use Language Skills

Resources from the Episode

Department of Justice

<https://www.justice.gov/>

The Department of Justice (DOJ) offers careers in offices nationwide that work to uphold the rule of law and to protect civil rights.

English for Heritage Language Speakers (EHLS)

<https://www.ehlsprogram.org/>

The English for Heritage Language Speakers (EHLS) program trains native speakers of critical languages to effectively communicate in English and become strong candidates for federal jobs. EHLS participants receive a full scholarship from the National Security Education Program to support them in their studies.

U.S. Army

<https://www.army.mil/>

The Army's mission is to deploy, fight, and win wars by providing forces ready to handle ground combat missions.

Army National Guard

<https://www.nationalguard.com/>

Army National Guard soldiers serve a dual mission to respond to domestic emergencies or disasters and overseas missions. They commit to part-time military training and typically live in their local community but can be called into full-time service.

341st Military Intelligence Battalion

<https://mil.wa.gov/341st-military-intelligence-battalion>

This linguist battalion provides trained Military Intelligence soldiers with language skills that can be used for translation, interrogation, counter-intelligence, and intelligence analysis.

National Virtual Translation Center

<https://www.fbi.gov/about/leadership-and-structure/intelligence-branch/national-virtual-translation-center>

Linguists working for the National Virtual Translation Center (NVTC) provide translations for the U.S. Intelligence Community and military organizations.

Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC)

<https://www.dliflc.edu/>

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA is the Department of Defense's school for culturally based foreign language education and training.

GI Bill

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/>

The GI Bill provides education benefits to servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents to pay for college, graduate school, and training programs.

Defense Language Proficiency Test

<https://www.dliflc.edu/resources/dlpt-guides/>

The Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) is used by the Department of Defense for testing language ability rated according to ILR levels.

Additional Resources**Language Careers at the FBI**

<https://www.fbijobs.gov/languages>

This jobs site describes language roles and hiring processes at the FBI and features current job openings.

USA.gov Military and Veterans

<https://www.usa.gov/military-and-veterans>

This website shares information about joining the military, different military branches, and military benefits.

Military Careers

<https://veteran.com/military-careers/>

This independent website includes an article with advice for potential military recruits on choosing a branch of service and exploring careers with links to learn more about diverse career paths.