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**Fact Sheet: Hiring Process for Mathematicians at the National Security Agency**

The mathematics hiring process at the NSA involves a visit consisting of three to four hour-long interviews, an opportunity to present a seminar to an audience of mathematicians and an evaluation by NSA mathematicians, in addition to the processing required for a security clearance. Please note that:

- United States citizenship is required.
- A polygraph exam and background investigation are required in order to obtain a security clearance.

The process of granting a clearance may take three to six months from the date of the polygraph, but this period varies. Applicants with immediate family members who are not United States citizens may experience delays.

Typical starting salaries are \$49,685 for an applicant with a Bachelors degree, \$59,811 for a Masters and \$83,720 for a Ph.D.

To apply, visit the NSA website ([www.nsa.gov](http://www.nsa.gov)) to submit an on-line application and send (1) a cover letter stating interest in a position as a mathematician, (2) a standard résumé or Curriculum Vitae (CV) with postal address, phone number, e-mail address and all degrees earned or expected, with granting institutions, and (3) original copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts to:

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