

# NPSIA Works: Career Futures

## CANADIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

### Description of the Field

In addition to international jobs found within Global Affairs Canada, almost every federal department has an 'International Division' which relates to international and other national organizations in its subject areas. Activities in this division may include researching another country's experiences, exchanging information with a department's counterpart in another country, preparing policy papers on international aspects of the department's mandates. Moreover, activities relating to international agreements (both bilateral and multilateral) include research, negotiation and implementation.

Within each province, a growing number of provincial departments have international units. Provincial and municipal governments also have some international jobs which tend to be concentrated in the fields of trade promotion and tourism. International conferences and events expand opportunities for international jobs within these levels of government.

Many overlook the public service sector, not understanding the opportunities available. A number of agencies are looking to change that trend by providing information, programs and grants to potential employees.

Foreign Service Officers have a special role, in representing Canada at Embassies and High Commissions around the world. They also represent the Canadian government at permanent missions to international organizations such as WTO and the UN. Recruitment to the diplomatic service is through a rigorous exam and interview process, and those selected undergo training and subsequently serve alternately in Ottawa and abroad.

The major departments that NPSIA alumni are involved with are: Global Affairs Canada, Agriculture, Industry Canada, National Defence, Citizen and Immigration, Environment and Health. Below is a selection of jobs NPSIA alumni have found in the public sector.

### Selected Alumni Job Titles

#### Federal

**Afghanistan Special Projects**, South Asia Division, Global Affairs Canada

**Director**, International Safeguards Div, Canadian Nuclear Safety Director General Special Projects, Policy Group, Transport Canada

**Director**, Policy, Planning & Reporting, Treasury Board of Canada, Secretariat

**International Analyst**, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Public Health Agency of Canada

**International Counter-Terrorism Officer**, International Crime and Terrorism Division, Global Affairs Canada

**Policy Analyst**, Legislation and House Planning, Privy Council Office

**Policy Officer**, Directorate of Policy Development, DND

**Political and Foreign Policy Officer**, United States Relations Division, Global Affairs Canada

**Project Officer**, International Telecommunications Policy and Coordination, Industry Canada

**Research Assistant**, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes, Dept of Justice

**Senior Advisor**, Non-Proliferation International Relations Section, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

**Senior Policy Analyst**, International Energy Division, Natural Resources Canada

**Senior Programme Evaluation Officer**, Program Evaluation & Review, National Research Council

**Trade Policy Officer**, Global Affairs Canada

**Trade Policy Analyst**, Multilateral Trade Policy Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

## Provinces

**Clerk and Law Clerk**, Office of the Clerk, Newfoundland House of Assembly  
**Manager**, Oil Markets, Oil Development Division, Alberta Dept of Energy  
**Manager**, Trade Strategy Development, Alberta Economic Development  
**Policy Advisor**, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of the NWT  
**Policy Advisor**, Trade and International Policy Branch, Ontario Ministry of Enterprise Opportunity and Innovation  
**Senior Policy Advisor**, Trade and International Policy Branch, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

## Foreign Service Officer, Global Affairs Canada

**Ambassador**, OAS, Washington  
**Ambassador**, Embassy of Canada to Norway, Global Affairs Canada  
**Ambassador**, Federal Republic of Germany, Global Affairs Canada  
**Ambassador**, Head of Peace and Security Division, AU Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kampala-Uganda, Global Affairs Canada  
**Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**, Global Affairs Canada  
**Counsellor (Metals and Minerals) Trade Policy**, Canadian Embassy, Washington  
**Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner**, Milan  
**Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner**, Sydney, Australia  
**Consul-General** in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam  
**Consul-General**, St. Petersburg  
**Counsellor**, Agricultural Affairs, Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO  
**Counsellor**, Canadian Embassy, Santiago, Chile  
**Counsellor**, Permanent Mission of Canada to the World Trade Organization  
**Deputy Director**, Special Trade Policy Division, Global Affairs Canada  
**Director**, Caribbean and Central America Relations Division, Global Affairs Canada  
**Director**, South America and Inter-America Division, Global Affairs Canada  
**Director General**, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau, Global Affairs Canada  
**First Secretary**, Canadian Embassy, Costa Rica  
**First Secretary (Economic)**, Canadian Embassy, Beijing  
**First Secretary**, Embassy in Guatemala  
**First Secretary** (Political Affairs) Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN  
**Minister-Counsellor**, Canadian Embassy, Cairo  
**Minister-Counsellor** (Congressional Relations and Legal Affairs), Embassy of Canada to the United States  
**Project Manager (Consultant)**, High Commission of Canada to Mozambique  
**Policy Advisor**, Peacebuilding and Human Security Division, Global Affairs Canada  
**Resident Representative**, EBRD, Moscow  
**Trade Commissioner**, Canadian Embassy, Mexico  
**Trade Commissioner**, Canadian Embassy, Tel Aviv

## Other Countries

Note: in general positions with other governments are held by alumni returning to their home countries

**Acting Head**, Political Department, Embassy of Ethiopia, Washington, DC  
**Assistant Secretary**, Office of the Prime Minister, The Bahamas  
**Deputy Director**, Foreign Policy Planning Dept, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam  
**Department of ASEAN Affairs**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok  
**Diplomat/Second Secretary**, Embassy of Brazil (Ottawa) [head of trade & environment sections]  
**Directorate of ASEAN Economic Cooperation**, Department of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia  
**Director**, News and Research Dept, Office of the Prime Minister, Israel  
**Director**, Trade Office in South America, Government of Mexico

**Financial advisor**, Ministry of Finance, Portugal  
**First Secretary**, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Cameroon Foreign Service  
**Foreign Service Officer**, Embassy of Japan, Ottawa  
**Foreign Service Officer**, High Commission of Canada in the United Kingdom, Global Affairs Canada  
**Foreign Trade Expert**, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Turkey  
**Head**, Unit on Origin, Customs and Public Procurement, Federal Office of Economic External Affairs, Switzerland  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, Bangladesh  
**Program Manager**, Asia Regional Section, Australian International Development Agency (AusAid)  
**Project Manager**, Dept of Research and Policy Advice, National Agency for Higher Education, Sweden  
**Political Director for Asia-Oceania**, Foreign Ministry, Belgium  
**Research Officer**, Ministry of Defence, London, UK  
**Senior Policy Analyst**, Centre for Policy Analysis, Development Bank of South Africa  
**Senior Executive Officer**, Southern Africa Div, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation  
**Secretary General**, Economic and Social Council of Greece  
**Trade Specialist**, Office of International Trade, Anchorage, Alaska

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