

NPSIA Works: Career Futures

INTELLIGENCE

Description of the Field

Work in the intelligence field may involve intelligence collection and analysis, sharing intelligence, security screening and sharing information with the public. Due to the new urgency of security issues facing government in a post-September 11 environment, jobs in the intelligence field have been growing tremendously.

Many federal departments have intelligence units – among them, Transportation, National Defence, Customs, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Environment, and Citizenship and Immigration. Intelligence positions are often not advertised, and the units are not publicized.

Major units are within the RCMP, CSIS, and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE). The exact nature of the work performed by intelligence officers can vary greatly and therefore employers seek officers with various educational backgrounds. Intelligence officers must often be willing to relocate periodically throughout their careers.

Employees of Global Affairs Canada and CSIS often have the opportunity to move to other intelligence areas. Positions such as Risk Analyst and related job titles, will frequently lead to further 'intelligence' oriented work.

Selected Alumni Job Titles

For obvious reasons, we do not have an extensive list of alumni who are working in the field of intelligence.

Analyst, Intelligence Branch, RCMP

Analyst, Asymmetric Warfare/Terrorism, Directorate of Strategic Intelligence, Department of National Defence

Counter-Proliferation Section, Intelligence Development and Field Support Division, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Review Officer, Office of the Inspector General of CSIS, Public Safety and Preparedness Canada

Senior Security and Intelligence Advisor, Justice Canada

Strategic Intelligence Analyst, Criminal Intelligence Service

Client Relations Officer, Foreign Intelligence Division, Global Affairs Canada

PhD Candidate, Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

Political Risk Analyst, Asia and the Pacific, Export Development Corporation

Research Officer, Political Risk Assessment Department, Export Development Corporation

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

Assistant Manager International Political Intelligence, Bank of Montreal

Threat Analyst, Threat Assessment Unit, Threat Assessment & Intelligence Services Division, Global Affairs Canada

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