

NPSIA Works: Career Futures

PARLIAMENT HILL

Description of the Field

The work of supporting the members of the House of Commons and the Senate is done by assistants and researchers who are employed by the members. Most MPs and Senators sit on committees and the type of work will vary depending on the committee focus. Activities of those working on Parliament Hill may include drafting speeches and questions for MPs, briefing caucus members on a wide array of political issues, and drafting correspondence to Ministers. Jobs on Parliament Hill are usually very fast paced and entail long hours, especially when the House of Commons is in session.

Staff support the committees and the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament. A number of committees have particular international focuses, and research is done on all areas of interest to Canada.

Selected Alumni Job Titles

Assistant, Member of Parliament

Assistant, Office of MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice

Clerk, The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights

Committee Clerk, The Senate

International Affairs, Parliamentary Information and Research Service, Library of Parliament

Legislative and Communications Assistant, Member of Parliament

Legislative Assistant, Conservative MP

Legislative Assistant, House of Commons

Legislative Assistant, New Democratic Party of Canada

Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), Ottawa Centre

Research Assistant, International Affairs and Defence, Library of Parliament

Research Officer (Defence), Political and Social Affairs Division, Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament

Special Assistant, Appointments, Prime Minister's Office

Special Assistant, Speaker's Office, House of Commons, Canada

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