

# NPSIA Works: Career Futures

## RESEARCH

### Description of the Field

Research positions come in all kinds of work settings. In general, research results are used by an organization to develop and support policy and program activities. A Research Officer will normally spend more time doing research than other activities, but program development and policy development will usually be included in the job description. Research is also one of the principal activities of Policy Analysts.

The Library of Parliament is an example of a very research-oriented organization. Researchers are contracted to investigate specific areas for Library of Parliament publications, and at the request of members of Parliament and the Senate. Such research is expected to be presented in an unbiased manner.

### Selected Alumni Job Titles

**Economist/Analyst**, Library of Parliament  
**Export Sector Research Officer**, Market Support Division, International Trade Canada  
**Executive Assistant**, Research and Planning, Canadian Bureau for International Education  
**Manager, Strategic Planning**, Research and Business Development, BCE Emergis  
**Research Analyst**, Environment Canada  
**Research Analyst**, Research Section, Security Intelligence Review Committee  
**Research and Policy Assistant**, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development  
**Research Officer**, Community-Based Natural Resource Management Program Initiative (Asia)  
**Research Officer**, Pan Asia Networking, IDRC  
**Research Officer**, Peacebuilding and Reconstruction PI, IDRC  
**Research Officer**, Political Risk Assessment Department, Export Development Canada  
**Research Officer**, Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board  
**Research Officer**, Security Intelligence Review Committee  
**Research Scientist**, Health Protection Branch, Department of Health and Welfare  
**Sector Research Officer**, Market Support Division, International Trade Canada  
**Senior Policy Analyst**, C.D. Howe Institute  
**Strategic Research Analyst**, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

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