

7 Steps

Become an APHIS Foreign Service Officer

Want to make a difference for American agriculture?
We need animal and plant health experts to work for APHIS overseas. Find your future with us. For more information, email APHIS.ForeignService@usda.gov.

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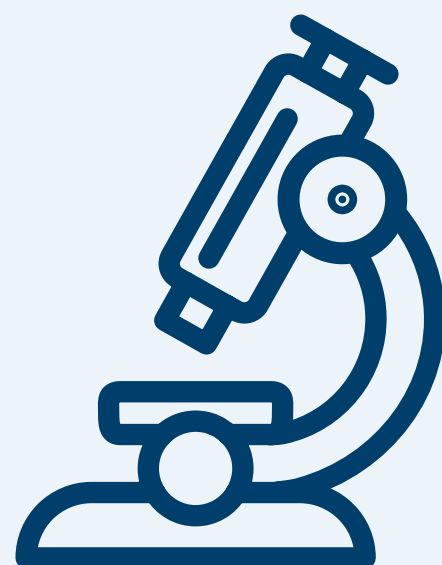
Choose a Career Track

With nearly 30 posts covering 140 countries, the APHIS Foreign Service has career opportunities worldwide for professionals in several specialized fields. Our Foreign Service Officers work at embassies alongside the U.S. Department of State and USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, using their unique skills to keep American agriculture healthy and U.S. export markets open.

CAREER TRACKS:



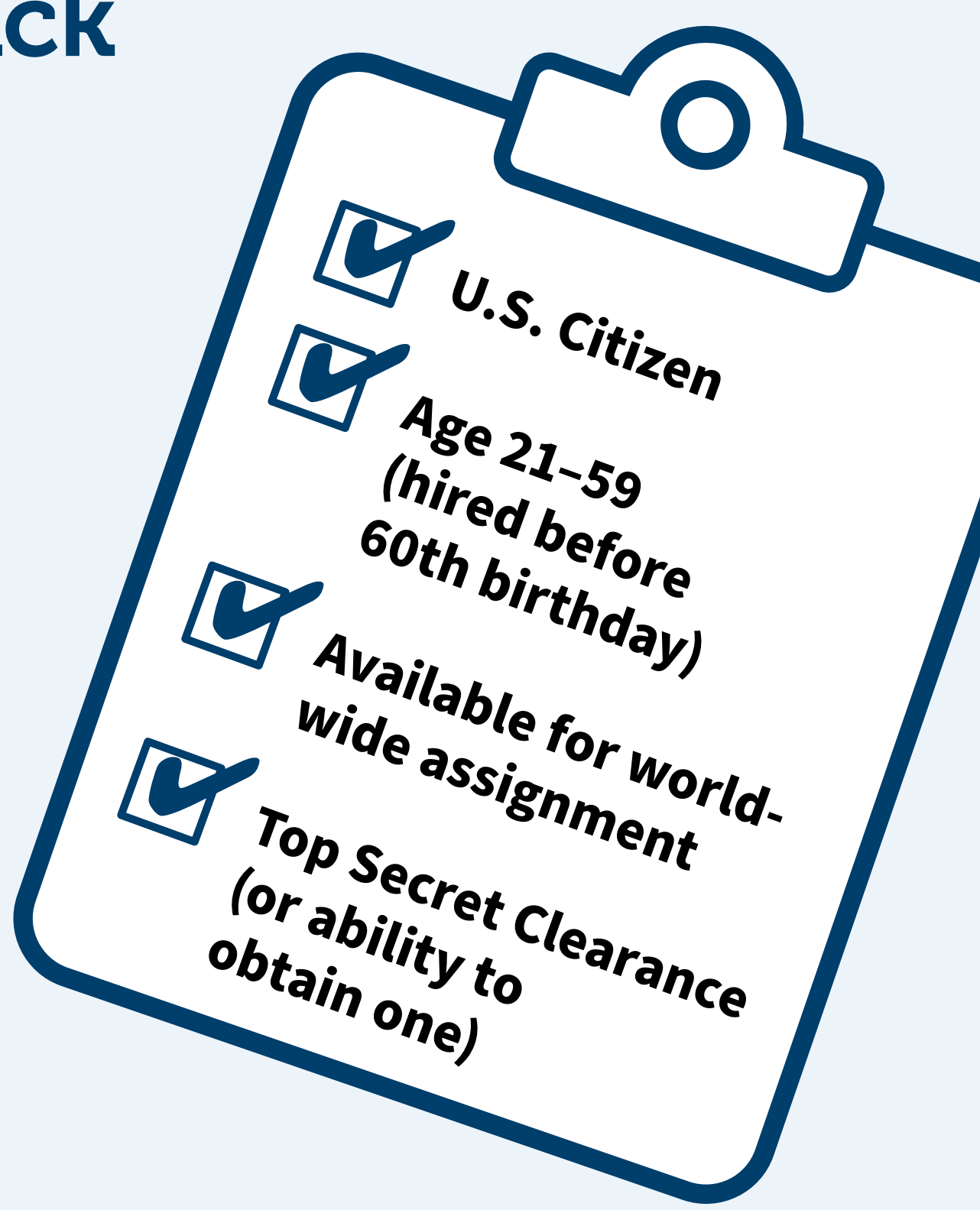
Veterinarian
(0701 series)



Plant Pathologist
(0434 series)



Entomologist
(0414 series)



Submit your Application



Now that you've found an APHIS Foreign Service position you're interested in, the next step is to apply in [USAJOBS.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov).

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Review by APHIS Human Resources

A review panel will evaluate your application and qualifications. If you meet the minimum qualifications for the position, you'll move to the next step in the selection process.



Attend the Assessment Center



We will invite qualified candidates to take an assessment that includes a writing exercise, a structured interview, and an exit interview. This is an opportunity for you to show you have what it takes to be a successful Foreign Service Officer. Your experience, motivation, cultural adaptability, judgment, and communication skills are just a few of the qualities we consider.

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Certificate of Eligibles

Candidates who pass the assessment will be placed on the Certificate of Eligibles (list of eligible candidates) and referred to the hiring manager. If selected, you'll receive a tentative offer of employment.

If you are not selected, we'll keep you in our applicant inventory for up to 24 months and consider you for future positions as they become available.



Clearances—Medical & Security



Your tentative offer letter will include instructions about medical and security clearances. You must obtain these clearances to continue as a candidate for the Foreign Service.

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Foreign Service Appointment

After obtaining the required clearances, you'll be appointed as an APHIS Foreign Service Officer and embark on an exciting career with us. Congratulations!

